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SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG

BREMER KIDNAPPING

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J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
MARCH 20, 1934

WERNER HANNI,
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

THE COMPTON AVAILABILITY IN MURKIN AND R COVER OPERATIONS
WING CLOPS TO EX ENFORCEMENT ANGLOPS WHO IS TELL THE CLOPS COVER GAMBLING
STRAMMING AND UNDERWORLD TOP AT. FASL OFFICE BILL ARRANGE TO COVER
LEADS OTHER DISTRICTS SUSPECTED HEREIN.

WINE ACTING.

503-A U. S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,
Salt Lake City, Utah,
March 21, 1934

AIR MAIL

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Inspector,
F.O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minn.

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al
Edward G. Bremer - Victim
Kidnapping
S.L. File 7-27

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my telegram addressed to the St. Paul Division Office dated March 20, 1934, and to our long-distance telephone conversation this morning relating thereto.

Special Agent A. H. Cere is at Reno at the present time and I have instructed him to remain there (his Reno address is care of the Golden Hotel, telephone 5111) and cover all local angles of this investigation and also to make a search of the records of the State Vehicle Registration Bureau at Carson City, Nevada, for the purpose of obtaining additional information relating to the automobiles in question.

Regarding your inquiry as to the desirability of having an Agent operate under cover at Reno, I believe that this would prove very profitable, not only in this case but in important cases involving fugitives. It is impossible for an Agent who has previously contacted local police officers at Reno, or who is known at Reno, to obtain any results at any of the gambling establishments due to the close association of the Law Enforcement Authorities with the underworld element. Persistent rumors and reports have been received that important fugitives are at Reno and I am confident that, based on my previous investigations there, certain officers in Reno would immediately "tip off" any fugitives there. This information has also come to me from other law enforcement officers who have gone to Reno and requested the assistance of the local officers there in the apprehension of fugitives.

7-576-1445

For your confidential information I am enclosing herewith a copy of a letter dated February 6, 1934, written by me at Reno, Nevada, and addressed to the Special Agent in Charge of the Salt Lake City Division Office, which will give you a true picture of conditions in Reno. I am also sending a copy of this letter under personal and confidential cover to the Director for his information.

In the event that the Division designates an Agent to proceed to Reno under cover, the information contained in this letter may be revealed to him to aid him in his investigation there. It is requested that the name of [REDACTED] be held in strict confidence. However, [REDACTED] may be contacted by an Agent operating under cover there without fear of having him disclose the identity of this agent. [REDACTED] has a very accurate picture of conditions in Reno, his assistance in the past has been most helpful and he has always been cooperative in furnishing confidential information to the writer.

Very truly yours,

LOUIS D. WINE, Acting
Special Agent in Charge

LDW EM

cc: Division

COPY

Reno, Nevada,
February 6, 1934

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice,
Room 503-- Post Office and Court House,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

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On February 3, 1934, I called upon [REDACTED] I have had a confidential friendship with this man for a number of years and have found him a man of high type, a valuable source of information and one who could be implicitly trusted.

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He told me in confidence that Reno is wide open, that unlicensed liquor and narcotics are being distributed freely, that the [REDACTED] is directly in league with the local racketeers and their associates, that he derives an income of about \$10,000 a year from this source, that the local organization is paying protection and that the "highest local, State and Federal officials" are a party to this situation, close their eyes to illegal acts since the vote of the underworld controls the elections.

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He further stated that the [REDACTED] who covers the Bank Club and other notorious gambling establishments, is thoroughly unreliable and directly under the orders of the gambling establishment owners, that this town has a fast "tip off" system, the "interests" of which, according to [REDACTED] is the head, employ spies and informants, pay tribute to [REDACTED] and others, that it would be futile to get anyone apprehended in this town who had any money if the Police Department were called upon to assist, since the gambling element is affording protection to anyone with money why may be a potential source of revenue, no questions of course, being asked as to the source of this money whether it be derived from a bank robbery or kidnapping.

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[REDACTED] related that recently two very prominent local attorneys were arrested in Reno on bench warrants based on Federal indictments returned in New York City charging them with using the mails to defraud which charge grew out of a far-reaching and colossal organization to victimize persons in Reno and elsewhere on a horse-racing scheme, that when he heard these men had been arrested and released on \$15,000. bond each, he went to the Federal Judge, United States Attorney, Clerk of the Federal Court, Marshal and others, that he was not permitted to see the bench warrant, or indictment, and that these officials declined to give him any information as to the arrest or allow him to see the arrest records or any public records whatever which were withheld from him [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] He explained that he cited this instance for the purpose of showing how far-reaching the element in Reno will go to protect their associates.

While my relations are very friendly with the local police and the Chief has always expressed his willingness to cooperate I have felt for sometime, based on definite information I have obtained from indirect sources which are thoroughly reliable that conditions here were far from satisfactory from a law-enforcement standpoint.

I am giving you this information, for your guidance, and for the guidance of the Division, should it be necessary to make an investigation here of some importance with a view to locating some fugitives of importance such as kidnapers; since little help may be expected from the local authorities in such cases, and it would only serve to put such fugitives on notice that they were being sought here.

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[REDACTED] relates to me further that the [REDACTED] is said to be honest, but not very alert mentally, that [REDACTED] are all old men and political appointees, that the [REDACTED] is willing, but is susceptible to flattery, accepts presents from resort owners and has a close friendship with them which may preclude his full cooperation.

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It is impossible for me to make any investigations at these resorts since I am too well known and I have seen instances where I have been pointed out to persons in Reno affiliated with the underworld. On one occasion recently at the Golden Hotel, several of [REDACTED] associates came into the Golden Hotel, [REDACTED] and in a secretive manner, pointed me out to [REDACTED] himself. Of course, I do not know the reason for this, other than to acquaint [REDACTED] with my identity.

However, the only way we can operate, is to keep the good will of the local law enforcement authorities, and do the best we can under the circumstances. I would strongly recommend, in important fugitive cases, that the Division authorize and direct Agents who are wholly unknown to operate here under cover, using the type of man who could mingle at the gambling tables and with the underworld without possibility of being detected. The Lake Tahoe area which is in both Nevada and California and is about 25 miles West of Reno is a favorite spot for Eastern gangsters during the summer months and a resort on the California side known as Brockaway is said to be a notorious place where these fugitives are free and are unmolested and that the owner of this resort has a submachine gun mounted under the counter in the rear of his bar.

I am giving you this information in order that you and the Division may be informed of the local situation here, and know you will treat my informant's report with the confidence it merits.

Very truly yours,

LDW EM

(signed) Louis D. Wine
Special Agent

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U. S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Investigation
503-A U. S. Court House & P.O. Bldg.,
Salt Lake City, Utah
March 21, 1934

AIR MAIL

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al
Edward G. Bremer - Victim
Kidnaping
S.L. File 7-27

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed Division copy of day letter dated March 20,
copy of letter to W. A. Rorer, Inspector, St. Paul, Minn., and a copy of
a personal and confidential letter written by the writer from Reno,
Nevada, February 6, 1934, to the Special Agent in Charge of the Salt Lake
City Division Office.

Special Agent A. R. Gere is at the present time at Reno and
has obtained considerable valuable information relating to the activities
of the subjects in this investigation, synopsis of Mr. Gere's report
will be found incorporated in Division copy of telegram dated March 20.

It has been found in the past that the local authorities
at Reno are in close league with the underworld and inclined not to
make any effort to locate any fugitives of more or less importance who
may be operating there and who are possessed of considerable funds which
they may spend at the gambling establishments. The writer has positive
information that the Reno police have not only failed to respect
confidences but positive instances have been known where the Reno
authorities have immediately "tipped off" persons under investigation.

This information relating to conditions at Reno is being
submitted for your confidential information and guidance should it
be necessary to detail any Special Agents to Reno to operate under
cover there.

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Very truly yours,	LOUIS D. WINE
LOUIS D. WINE, Acting	
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March 27, 1934

W. A. D. - 576-1445

MAR 30 1934
Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Room 503A, U. S. Court House & Post Office Building,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the personal and confidential letter from the Salt Lake City office dated March 21, 1934, signed by Acting Special Agent in Charge Louis D. Wine.

It is noted that the writer states he has "positive information that the Reno police have not only failed to respect confidences but positive instances have been known where the Reno authorities have immediately 'tipped off' persons under investigation."

It is requested that Agent Wine prepare a memorandum setting out in detail all the information he has in his possession concerning the failure of the Police Department at Reno, Nevada to respect confidences and cite instances known to him where the Reno authorities have "tipped off" persons under investigation.

It is also requested that you advise the Division of any information you have concerning these matters.

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★ MAR 27 1934 ★	
P. M. DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	

Director.

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St Paul Minnesota
March 21 1934

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RORER
Inspector

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203 P. O. Bldg.
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March 21, 1934

R E Vetterli
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
518 Hayes Building
San Francisco, California

RE BREKID ED BENTZ POSSIBLE SUSPECT CONTACT G B VIETS AMERICAN EXPRESS WHO HAS
INFORMATION RELATIVE ED TED BENTZ VERA BENTZ AND CHRISTINA DAWSON LEAVING
CHICAGO MARCH ELEVENTH IN LINCOLN SEDAN TO VISIT MOTHER STOP MOTHER NOW REPORTED
LIVING ONE TWO ONE BRODERICK SANFRANCISCO STOP GET ALL POSSIBLE INFORMATION
CIRCULARIZING ALL OFFICERS ADVISE BY WIRE ANY INFORMATION DEVELOPED

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cc-Division
W. A. Rorer, Inspector, St. Paul

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R E Vetterli
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
318 Hewes Building
San Francisco, California



ERKID CHICAGO OFFICE ADVISES ED BENTZ AND PARTY IN NEW LINCOLN SEDAN
DARK BLUE OR BLACK COLOR POSSIBLY USING NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR INDIANA
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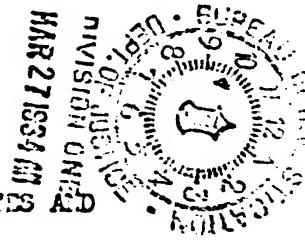
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J. A. DODD
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
803-A U. S. COURT HOUSE & P. O.
SALT LAKE CITY, U. S. A.

BREKID CROWN POSTOFFICE BOXES AND SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES RENO UNDER NAMES AND
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RORER
Inspector

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Salt Lake City, Utah.

March 28, 1934.

W. A. NORRIS
INSPECTOR,
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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ST. PAUL, MINN.

EREKID GERM REPORT BEING FORWARDED FORTHWITH AIRMAIL.

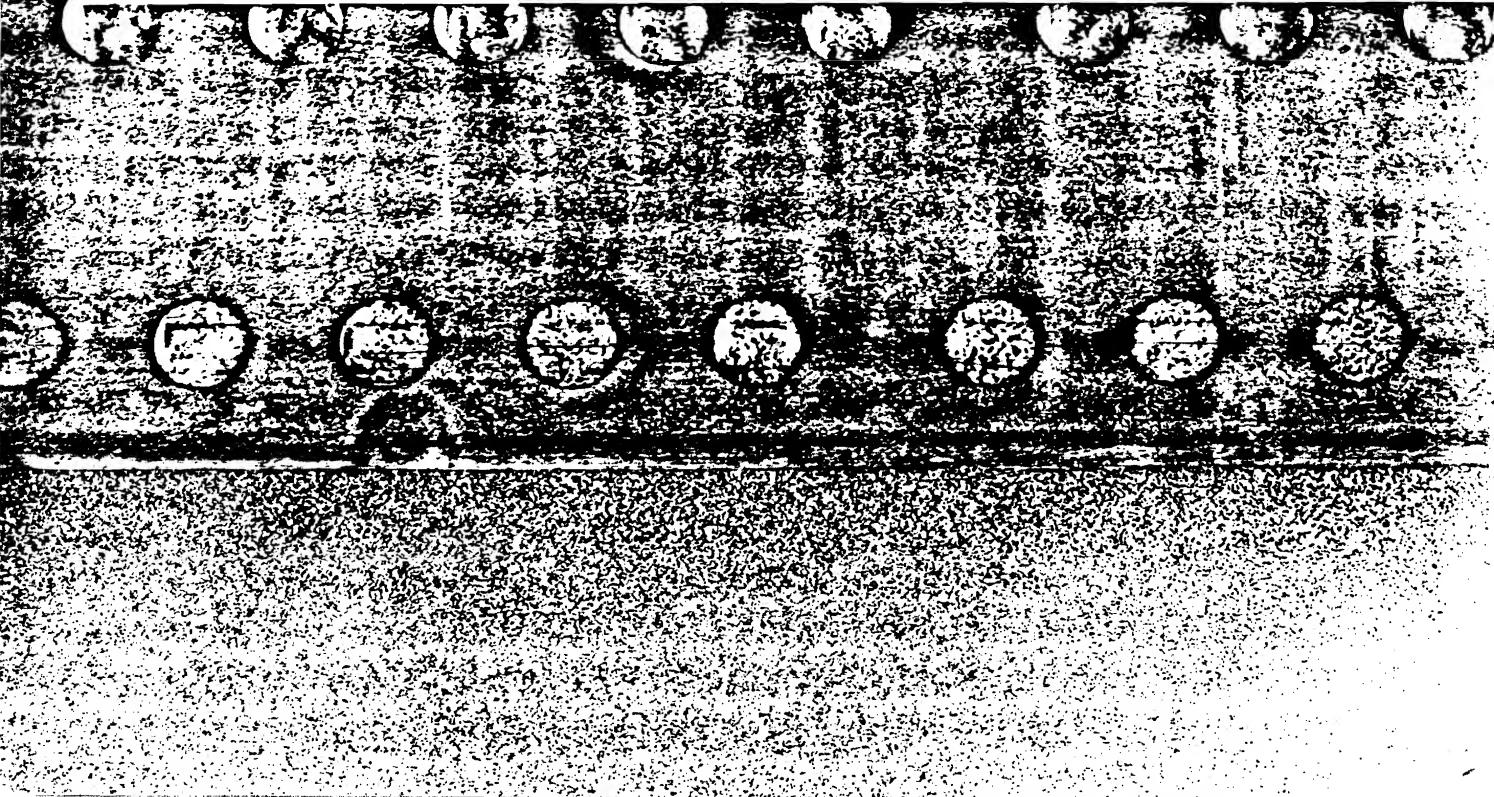


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(COPY)

Milwaukee, Wisconsin,

Sunday, March 4th, 1934.

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Homer S. Cummings, Esq.,
Attorney General of the United States,
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Attorney General:

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover has the writer formal application, duly attested, and, late today, Special Agent McKee called personally upon me at my home here. Agent McKee said

he came to "find out what I knew of the Bremer case."

I told Agent McKee that, as personal undercover investigator

for the late Mayor Anton J. Cermak of Chicago, assigned specifically to gangs, racketeers, kidnappers and criminals, I had invaluable contacts with men on the wanted list, and others I strongly suspected of having a hand in the Bremer kidnapping.

I told Agent McKee that I could go directly to certain ST. PAUL and KANSAS CITY spots and POINT OUT men who at least KNEW who the Bremer snatchers were. But I would have to gain this information myself in my own way and through my own contacts.

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Agent McKee spent quite a time at my DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION me that my formal application might take months (CERTAINLY a few months) and perhaps YEARS, before it would be acted upon.

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This indeed discouraging! Hence, I beg to ask:

WILL YOU CONSIDER ABRIDGING THE REGULAR ROUTINE REGULATION GOVERNING
SUCH APPLICATIONS---AND SWEAR ME IN OR APPOINT ME AS A TRULY
SPECIAL AGENT--FOR SAY SIXTY TO NINETY DAYS--AND ASSIGN ME TO THE
BREMER KIDNAPING CASE SPECIFICALLY AND BANGS AND RACKETEERS GENERALLY?

Mr. Attorney General, I am a QUALIFIED, veteran newspaper
and special investigator. I know my way around. I KNOW St. Paul
and I KNOW Kansas City--and I will turn in, within 60 to 90 days,
a written report on the Bremer case, so you can mark it FINISHED
AND FILED.

I beg to advise that I aim to remain in Milwaukee only
for the balance of the month of March. I aim to make a move to
better myself on April 1. I am, as you know, employed by a local
(Hearst) newspaper.

I BEG TO ASK THAT YOU GIVE ME A SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT BEFORE
IT IS TOO LATE ON THE BREMER CASE. I ONLY ASK WHAT ANY MAN WOULD ASK--
A CHANCE TO QUALIFY FOR A PERMANENT, DEFINITE APPOINTMENT. IN INTERIM,
GIVE ME THE TRIAL PERIOD TO WORK PRIVATELY AND INDEPENDENT UNDER
COVER--IN MY OWN WAY--IN ST. PAUL, KANSAS CITY, DES MOINES AND CHICAGO.

In this investigation, I promise faithfully to turn in a
lot of valuable information and evidence on OTHER cases.

Please WIRE answer.

In all sincerity and respect,

836 North 14th Street, (Signed) Kenneth L. Eagon.
Apt. 57,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

PS Have car and if can get on job this week (without trip to Wash.) in K.C.
and St. P. - have certain result getting sure-fire contacts.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al,
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim, KIDNAPING.

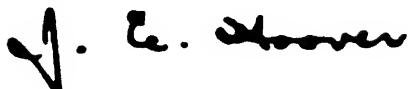
There is transmitted herewith a supply of photographs of the following named individuals whose names have been frequently mentioned in connection with the above entitled investigation:

Ed Bentz	Tommy Carroll
Mrs. Ed Bentz	Curly Clause
Ted Bentz	Paula Harmon
Mrs. Kate Barker	

Each photograph bears the names by which the individuals are best known to the Division. Each photograph also contains a brief description.

There is also being transmitted herewith an additional supply of photographs of Arthur R. Barker, Fred Barker, Karpis, Campbell and Davis.

Very truly yours,



Director.

Enclosure

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.



Mar 26 1934

March 26, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

It is requested that each office of the Division be
immediately furnished with photographs of the following:

Arthur R. Barker
Fred Barker
Alvin Karpis
Harry Campbell
Volney Davis
Ed Bentz
Ted Bentz
Tommy Carroll
Curly Clause
Paula Harmon
Mrs. Kate Barker

Each office should be furnished with five photographs
of each of the above persons with the exception of Portland,
San Francisco, Los Angeles, Salt Lake City, Oklahoma City,
San Antonio, El Paso, Dallas, Kansas City, Detroit, New York,
and Jacksonville, which offices should be furnished with ten
photographs of each of the above persons.

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Very truly yours,
W. A. ROPER,
Inspector.

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W. A. ROPER
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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ADDRESS REPLY TO
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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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MR. CLEGG
MR. COWLEY	✓
MR. EDWARDS
MR. EGAN
MR. QUINN
MR. LESTER
MR. LOCKE
MR. RORER

March 26, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HOOVER

I have received a memorandum of
March 22 in reference to the Bremer
matter which I think is very interesting.

William Stanley
William Stanley,
The Assistant to the Attorney General.

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U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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March 26, 1934

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Dear Sir:

In connection with a matter under investigation by this office, it has become necessary to determine the disposition of several pairs of welders' goggles described as follows:

"Brown shell frames (shaped to be worn over glasses) with two lenses in each eye. The word "CE-CC M-L" appears on the inside of the left eye rim and the words "TAT. PLND." appear on the inside of the right eye rim."

I am informed that you purchased a pair of such goggles from the Commercial Gas Company or the Smith Welding Equipment Corporation of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Will you advise me whether you have this pair of goggles in your possession at this time? If not, please inform me as to their present location or what disposition has been made of them and the date or approximate date if known. In the event the goggles were lost or stolen, please give the peculiar features by which you could identify them.

Your reply may be written on the reverse of this sheet, and for your convenience a self-addressed envelope is enclosed. It requires no postage.

I shall appreciate your prompt reply.

Very truly yours,

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W. A. Rorer,
Inspector.

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DIVISION: COPY OF THIS CIRCULAR LETTER FORWARDED TO FIRMS TO WHOM
GOOGLES WERE SOLD, IN TERRITORY COVERED BY ST. PAUL, CHICAGO,
BUTTE, BIRMINGHAM, DETROIT, AND CINCINNATI OFFICES.

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March 27, 1934.

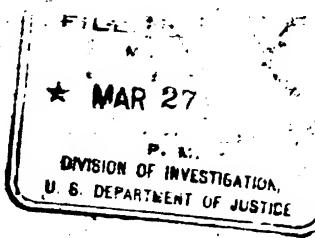
Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to Division letter dated March 2, 1934 in the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM, KIDNAPING, with which were transmitted copies of a letter dated February 19, 1934 from Mr. L. L. Doherty of Killdeer, North Dakota.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 25, 1934.

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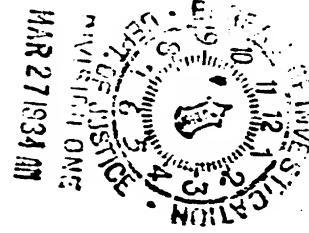
MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I telephoned Mr. Rorer and told him to make further investigation concerning the leak relative to the identification of Karpis and Barker by fingerprints on the oil cans and the flash-lights.

He stated the only logical step he can now think of taking was to interview the Minneapolis Tribune official and he would have Special Agent Hall, who has a contact there, conduct this interview. It had been withheld as ~~there was~~ an indication of its confidential character and I suggested that he have this man interviewed without disclosing to him that we had any definite lead wherein his name was mentioned.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.



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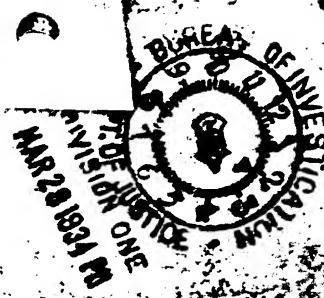
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P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 26, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
505-A U. S. Court House & P. O.,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

No: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREWER - Victim.
KIDNAPING, St. Paul file No. 7-25.

In confirmation of my telegram of the 26th instant, reference is made to the report of Special Agent A. R. Gore dated 3-22-34 at Salt Lake City wherein it is shown that the Barkers and Karpis at different times resided at the Island Apartments, the Belmont Apartments, and the Elvada Apartments. It is requested that all telephone calls from the first two mentioned apartments be thoroughly checked with a view toward determining any call which has been made to or from persons involved in this case. It is noted that the telephone angle of the Elvada Apartments has been covered. It is also requested that the telephone calls from the business and private telephones of William J. Graham be thoroughly checked for the past two years and efforts be made to ascertain his present address in San Francisco in order that the San Francisco office may immediately conduct a thorough investigation. It is highly probable that the Barkers and Karpis will contact or remain in communication with Graham.

All offices receiving copies of this letter should cover hotels, garages, and apartments in all cities in their respective districts which appear to them to be probable locations of any of the members of this gang. The Los Angeles office is particularly requested to conduct an immediate, thorough investigation at Phoenix, Arizona. The San Francisco office should make similar investigation at Sacramento and Oakland, California.

The Division, in a separate letter, is being requested to furnish the Portland office the necessary photographs.

The attention of the Salt Lake City office is invited to the report of Agent J. V. Murphy, dated March 23, 1934, at San Antonio, wherein Sheriff Henry Bell, who was formerly an active member of the Karpis-Barker gang, emphasizes the close association of this mob with William J. Graham of St. Paul. It is noted on page 8 of this report that according to Bell, Graham has

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previously handled "hot" money which this mob got from bank robberies. With this in mind, the Salt Lake City office should start every effort toward determining whether Graham is exchanging any of the Panhandle money in this country, particularly through his own business houses or through any other gambling house or bank in Reno.

In connection with the report of Special Agent Gore dated 5-22-34 at Salt Lake City, the Salt Lake City office is referred to a statement on [REDACTED]

A few weeks ago, this office requested investigation to determine whether a medical prescription had been issued by Dr. Kilb, who had issued same to Mr. Jones, and which medicine was found in the abandoned apartment in St. Paul, the occupants of which are believed to have been the Barkers and Karpis. The investigation at that time failed to produce satisfactory results and now, in view of the information concerning [REDACTED] it is suggested that Dr. Kilb be again interviewed and he be discreetly informed that this Division has information concerning the aforementioned [REDACTED]

With a view toward securing his cooperation. The aforementioned prescription was issued for a venereal disease and it is believed that one or more of the members of this mob are afflicted with venereal diseases and when at Reno, will undoubtedly contact Dr. Kilb. He is a potential source of valuable information concerning this mob, and every effort should be made to secure Dr. Kilb's cooperation.

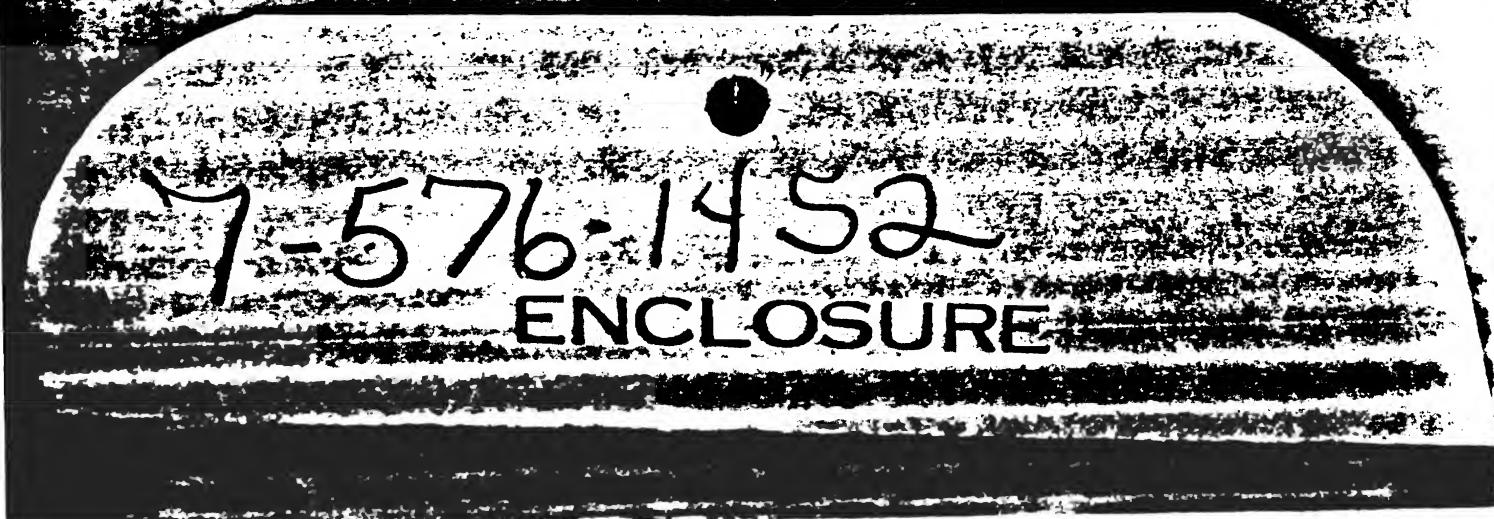
The information secured by Special Agent Gore at Reno appears to be the most valuable information the Division has yet obtained concerning the recent contacts and whereabouts of this mob, in view of which it is requested that each apartment house in Reno be presently covered, as well as gasoline service stations, garages, gambling and liquor "joints". Until further advised, at least two agents should remain in Reno, Nevada, and when the apparent cooperation of individuals is obtained, arrangements should be made for these two agents to be immediately notified in Reno. It appears highly probable that this mob will return to Reno, if it is not already there.

With reference to the last paragraph on page 7 of the report of Agent Gore, please refresh the memory of Mrs. Alva Federow by going over all the Post Offices in Minnesota, if necessary, and particularly ascertaining whether the addressee could have been at White Bear Lake, Minnesota. This is of particular significance because of the fact that the address to which these articles were furnished was probably the address at the time of the kidnaping.

WAD:msb
Cc: Division
S each: San Francisco,
Los Angeles, Portland,
Chicago, Oklahoma City.

Very truly yours,

W. A.
Lange





5-19-30 Karpis

ALVIN KARPIS
Age: 25
Height: 5' 9¹/₂
Weight: 150
Build: Slender
Hair: Brown
Eyes: Blue
Complexion: Fair

5-19-30 Barker

ARTHUR R. BARKER
Age: 34
Height: 5' 5¹/₂
Weight: 119
Build: Short
Hair: Black
Eyes: Brown
Complexion: Medium

Photograph
Karpis & Barker

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1900 Bankers Blkgs.,
Chicago, Illinois
March 24, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
205-2 United States Court House & Post Office,
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;
et al. Unknown Subjects.
EDWARD GEORGE BREWER, Victim
KIDNAPING - Chicago File 7-62

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent A. E. Gora, Salt Lake City, dated March 22, 1934, in which it is noted that several identifications have been made of subjects in this case. The report fails to reflect that photographs of any women were shown to the parties interviewed, which women may have been in association with the group identified as living in Reno.

The photographs believed to pertain to this case have been drawn from the file in this office and are being forwarded to you, with the request they be shown to the parties previously interested in order to ascertain if they can be recognized as the women in company with the men mentioned in the reference report.

Photographs of the following persons are being enclosed, and it is respectfully requested that when these pictures have served their purpose, they be returned to the Chicago Office:-

Dorothy Sleyman,
Jewell Johnson,
Paula Harmon,
Dorothy Dodd,
Bartha Engler,

Jo Ann Armour
Billie Pitch
Loeta Graham
Nina Snyder
Lillian Holden.

Very truly yours,

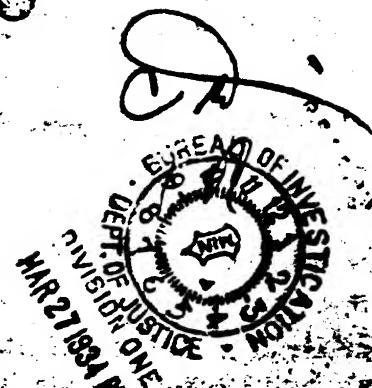
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Kansas City, Los Angeles,
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March 22, 1934.



RE: BREWER KIDNAPING CASE

On the morning of January 17, 1934, Mr. Edward A. Bremer was kidnaped in St. Paul, Minnesota shortly after he had delivered his daughter at a school which she attended and where he had driven her in his automobile that morning. Mr. Bremer is President of the Commercial State Bank of St. Paul, Minnesota and his family is a prominent one in that State.

Following the payment of \$200,000 ransom, Mr. Bremer was released by the kidnapers on February 7, 1934 in the vicinity of Rochester, Minnesota and he returned to his home during the night of the same day. As a result of investigation conducted by the Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Alvin Karpis and Arthur R. Barker have been definitely connected with the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer.

Both Barker and Karpis are among the leaders of a notorious gang of criminals frequently referred to as the Barker-Karpis gang, who have operated extensively through-out the middle west. They both have lengthy criminal records and the identity of the members of their gang is likewise known. The Division of Investigation of this Department connected these individuals with the kidnaping of Mr. Bremer several weeks ago. However, it has been found unwise heretofore to issue any statement until certain investigations could be completed which were at that time under way.

An intensive investigation will be continued for the purpose of locating the individuals responsible for this offense. The descriptions and criminal records of Barker and Karpis are set forth as follows:

ARTHUR R. BARKER

Descriptions

Age	34
Height	5' 3-3/4"
Weight	119
Build	Short
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Medium

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Criminal Records

[REDACTED]

Descriptions

Age	25
Height	5' 9-3/4"
Weight	130
Build	Slender
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Fair

Criminal Records

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P. O. Box 1276
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
March 22, 1934

cc: H.A.M.
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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Suite L, Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al
Edward George Bremer - Victim
Kidnapping.

Reference is made to your letter of March 18, 1934, containing a request that certain inquiries and arrangements be made with the Pardon and Parole Attorney at Oklahoma City in respect to Arthur "Doc" Barker.

Please be advised that contact has been made with the Pardon and Parole Attorney's office and it is learned that no one in authority is in that office at the present time and will not be until the latter part of the present week, or the first of the ensuing week. You will be promptly advised when the arrangements mentioned in your letter can be effected.

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley,
Special Agent in Charge.

cc-Division
Mr. Roter - St. Paul

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Post Office Box 4907,
Jacksonville, Florida

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Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Inspector,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 518,
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al
EDWARD G. BREWER, Victim
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to Letter dated February 21, 1934, from the New York office to the St. Paul office, copies of which were furnished to the Jacksonville office with a copy of a letter dated February 19, 1934, from the St. Paul office to the New York office, which letters relate to a wall paper design which is the best possible conception of the paper in the room of victim Bremer's confinement during his abduction.

With the aforementioned copy of letter dated February 21, 1934, to the Jacksonville office there was attached the original wall paper sketch and it was requested that Mr. Robert Griffin, Vice-President of the United Wall Paper Manufacturing Company, Inc., Jersey City, New Jersey, be contacted at his winter residence, 5001 Flamingo Avenue, JUSTICE Miami Beach, Florida, for the purpose of having him endeavor to identify this pattern.

On March 19, 1934, Resident Agent Roger L. Main, Miami, Florida, presented this wall paper sketch to Mr. Griffin at above address in Miami Beach, Florida. Triplicate copies of Agent Main's memorandum are being enclosed. One copy of the memorandum is also being furnished the New York office and two copies to the Division. Your attention is particularly invited to the last paragraph on page 1 of the enclosed memorandum in regard to Mr. Griffin's statement to the effect that the rooms of the large building at a resort known as La Cosa, Wisconsin, which is about twenty or thirty miles from Dakotah, were covered with wall paper of a design somewhat similar to that on the rough sketch prepared by victim Bremer. I am returning herewith the original wall paper sketch.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt,
Special Agent in Charge

2 Enclosures
cc Division (Enclosure)
New York (Enclosure)
Jax #7-34

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COPY

Miami, Florida

March 19, 1934.

MEMORANDUM TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE R. A. ALT.

RE:- ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD G. BREMER, victim
Kidnapping - Jax File No. 7-24

Mr. Robert Griffin, Vice President of the United Wall Paper Manufacturing Company, Inc., Jersey City, N. J. was today interviewed at his winter home 3001 Flamingo Drive, Miami Beach, Fla. Mr. Griffin made a very careful examination of the rough drawing of the wall paper design, which is Victim Bremer's conception of the wall paper in the room in which he was detained at the time he was in the hands of his kidnapers. Mr. Griffin stated that he did not recognize the design and it was not a product of his company. He stated that it was his opinion that it was a domestic one and was produced in the United States. He believed that the paper could be identified by one of the wall paper manufacturing companies in the United States if photostatic copies of the drawing were made and same exhibited to each of them and that this could be quickly accomplished as there were only about thirty-five concerns in the United States that manufactured wall paper. He further stated that the names of the manufacturers could be obtained from the office of his company, United Wall Paper Manufacturing Company, Inc., Jersey City, N. J.

Mr. Griffin also stated that if Victim Bremer could furnish the width between the seams of the wall paper he observed in the room it might be an aid in determining the origin of the paper as all wall paper manufactured in England is twenty-two inches wide; that manufactured in Germany twenty-two and twenty-four inches wide and in the United States it is manufactured from eighteen to twenty-four inches wide.

Mr. Griffin further advised that last summer he and Mrs. Griffin spent sometime at a resort known as Lawsonia, Wisconsin, which is about twenty-five or thirty miles from Oshkosh, Wisconsin; that this resort was formerly a large estate with beautiful grounds and was situated in the center of a dense woods; that there was one very large main building and numerous wall constructed and comfortable cottages on the premises and the rooms of the large building were covered with wall paper of designs somewhat similar to the rough sketch prepared by Victim Bremer and the rooms in the cottages were also reported to him as being papered, but he did not see in any of them. He stated that this resort would be an ideal hide-out during the winter months, as it is very unlikely anyone would visit the place or be around it except the caretaker, and when his office in Jersey City informed him that inquiry had been made at his company for identification of a specimen of wall paper and the type of the design of the paper related to him by correspondence, he immediately thought of Lawsonia, Wisconsin, as the possible place of concealment of Bremer by his kidnapers. Mr. Griffin further stated that the present Manager of the Neutilus Hotel, Miami Beach, Fla., was interested in this resort and could likely supply the name of the caretaker there in the winter time.

Mr. Griffin, of course, stated that there probably was nothing in the investigation of this matter that suggested Lawsonia, Wisconsin, as being the place where Bremer was confined and the very idea of this location may appear ridiculous, but nevertheless he could not help but think of it when the unusual design of wall paper covering the walls of the room in which Bremer was held prisoner was described and brought to his attention for identification.

Mr. Griffin offered his services to the Division in this or any other matter in which it was thought they would be helpful. He stated that he is leaving Miami Beach, Florida, on March 22, 1934, for Jersey City and can then be contacted at his office at the United Wall Paper Manufacturing Co., Inc.

I endeavored to contact Mr. Hayes of the Seutilus Hotel today concerning Lawsonia, Wisconsin, and the name of the caretaker there. I was unable to do so. I will try again tomorrow and obtain the name of the caretaker and forward it to you so that information will be available in case the Division considers Mr. Griffin's hunch of sufficient importance to look into.

Roger L. Main,
Special Agent.

Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 23, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREWER,
Victim. KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent E. R. Melstire, dated March 22, 1934, Chicago, Illinois.

The investigation conducted by Special Agent George J. Gross, which is set out on page 7 thereof, is highly unsatisfactory in that he apparently confined his investigation to the determination of whether a siren was located in the cities covered. It should be apparent to Agent Gross that such investigation is inadequate. The St. Paul office has previously circularized all of these cities in connection with the noises with the proper results. Please instruct Agent Gross or any other Agent, who may be conducting likewise investigations, to go more thoroughly into this matter by interviewing water and electric meter readers, chiefs of police, postmasters and mail carriers, filling stations and various other possible sources.

Very truly yours,

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ALVIN
KARPIS
PC Division

P.O. Box 815, St. Paul, Minn.

March 24, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, etc.
UNKNOWN SUBJECT,
EDWARD GEORGE BREWER, Victim,
KIDNAPING,
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

Please refer to page 7 of the report of Special Agent J. L. Madala, dated 3-10-34, at Chicago, Illinois, wherein is set out a list of the telephone calls made from LOUIE'S CHRYSTAL BALLROOM, operated by LOUIS CHINOCKY. It is noted that on January 16, 1934, two telephone calls were made to telephone, "McHenry 327", and another call was made to the same telephone at 9:24 A.M., on January 17, 1934.

Please conduct an immediate investigation to establish the identity of the McHenry telephone number and conduct the necessary investigation.

It is further noted that a call was made to McHenry on January 29, 1934. This is the date on which KARPIS purchased flashlights at St. Paul and it is probable that this was the date on which the kidnapers expected to effect the transfer of the ransom.

Very truly yours,

W. A. DODD,
CC Division

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1900 Bankers Bldg.,
Chicago, Illinois
March 23, 1934.

Mr. W. A. Borer, Inspector,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;
et al. Unknown subjects.
EDWARD GEORGE BREWER, Victim
KIDNAPING - Chicago file 7-82

Reference is made to your letter of March
1, 1934, in which you enclosed two photographs of the
gasoline cans which were found in the vicinity of
Portage, Wisconsin.

In this letter you requested that these
photographs be returned to the Saint Paul Office when
they had served their purpose in this district.

In accordance therewith, the photographs
in question are being returned to you herewith.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,
Special Agent in Charge

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CC:Division
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P.O. Box 516, St. Paul, Minn.

March 24, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
P.O. Box 709,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
Unknown Subjects.
EDWARD GEORGE BREWER, Victim
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-30

For your information, I am attaching a copy of report of Special Agent A.R. Cope, dated 3-22-34, at Salt Lake City.

Please conduct any investigation in your territory which seems appropriate, in view of the contents of the above report.

Very truly yours,

WARREN
Karpis.

E. J. ROKER, INSPECTOR.

CC Division ✓
CC Salt Lake City

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Room 1403
370 Lexington Avenue
New York City

THU:RD
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Mar 13, 1934

Inspector E. A. Rorer
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 515
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Agent Baum
dated March 9th, in the matter of Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al.,
Edward G. Bremer - Victim; Kidnapping, and particularly to pages 19
and 20, wherein is set forth information with respect to Harry
Schneiweiss or Schneiweis. His name is also mentioned in Division
letter dated February 12, 1934.

It is noted that Attorney at Law Bernard Shonberg
of Chicago, on November 20, 1933, sent a telegram to Schneiweiss, 240
W. 48th Street, New York City. There is no number 240 on this street.
The President Hotel is #234 and the next number is 244. On January 6,
1934, Shonberg called Schneiweiss at New York City at telephone
Riverside 9-2013. This telephone is a non-public one and is listed
in the name of Irene Drucker, 240 W. 48th Street, New York City,
apartment 8A. It is believed that the telegram of November 20th was
sent to this address.

With reference to the location of M. J. Murphy at
Phoenix, Arizona, attention is directed to page 13 of the report of
Special Agent [redacted] dated July 28, 1933, in the case of Richard
Tallman Galatas with aliases - Fugitive, I.O. 1201, et al. From this
report it is noted that in February, 1933, the leading New York City
racketeers were in Hot Springs, Arkansas. They had just come from
Hollywood. On February 21, 1933, one Katlow sent the following
telegram from the Arlington Hotel to Ben Feingold, San Carlos Hotel,
Phoenix.

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Inspector Rorer

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"Kutlow" is Benjamin Antleowitz, called "Muddy", and goes under the name of Kutlow. With him in Hot Springs were Louis Buchalter called "Lepke", the leading New York City racketeer, and Abe Zwillman called "Longie", leading New Jersey racketeer, together with other Eastern gangsters and racketeers.

It is believed desirable that the Los Angeles office look into the identity of Feingold.

Very truly yours,

F. L. Fay
Special Agent in Charge

CC: Division
Kansas City
Chicago
Los Angeles

1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

March 24, 1934

Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 1487
St. Louis, Missouri

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,
et al.; UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
EDWARD GEORGE BREWER - Victim
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Please refer to my letter of March 24, 1934,
directed to Mr. F. W. Ward, Sheriff, Danville, Illinois,
copy of which was furnished your office.

It is not known what information the Sheriff's
office at Danville has in regard to this case, but in a
telephonic conversation with Mr. William Ryan, he sug-
gested that he would like to have photographs of Alvin
Karpis and Arthur Barker, and any other known suspects
in this case. You will observe that we have made no
mention of other suspects since the disclosure by Atto-
ney General Cummings mentions only Alvin Karpis and
Arthur Barker. It is believed advisable that you inter-
view Mr. William Ryan, securing from him all available
information without disclosing the identity of other
suspects in this case.

Very truly yours,

M. E. PURVIS
Special Agent in Charge

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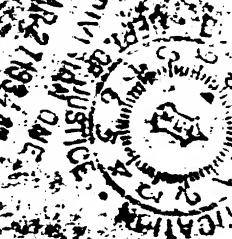
P.O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

March 25, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U.S. Department of Justice,
Suite L, Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD GEORGE BREWER, Victim
KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File No. 7-50



Please refer to my letter to you dated 3-14-34, requesting certain investigation regarding sale of socks by National Bellas Hess, Inc., at Kansas City, Missouri. I have read the memorandum of Special Agent R.B. Donaldson, dated 3-22-34, at Kansas City, which is to be incorporated in a report from your office, and desire that additional check be made at the above company.

It is, therefore, requested that names of firms shown to be retailers of shirts and underwear involved in this matter be checked against the names appearing on the sales record of National Bellas Hess, Inc.. If it is found that any such dealers made purchases from this company, leads should be set out to have them interviewed to ascertain if they purchased this style sock and to have photographs of suspects herein displayed.

A letter from the Chicago Division Office to the Division, dated 2-17-34, gives a list of underwear dealers and the list of shirt dealers is reflected in report of Special Agent F.C. Jamison, dated at Chicago, Illinois, 2-22-34.

Very truly yours,

MBD:TC
CC Division
St. Louis
Chicago

W.A. BREWER, INSPECTOR OF INVESTIGATION

MAR 26 1934 P.M.

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One (1) FILE

Des Moines, Ia.
March 23, 1934.

Re: Alvin Karpis, et al
with aliases. Edward G.
Bremer - Victim, Kidnapping.

F.C. File 57-57

Mr. W. C. Bowers,
Division of Investigation,
P. O. Box 518,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 13, 1934, enclosing a photostatic copy of an anonymous letter postmarked at Des Moines, Ia. February 20, 1934.

The writer of this letter has written numerous letters to Mr. Park Findley, Chief, Iowa Bureau of Investigation. It was on the basis of one of these letters that Mr. Findley, shortly after Edward Bremer was released, announced that the hide out used was at Creston, Iowa, on highway #69 West of town. I pointed out to Mr. Findley that highway #69 did not enter Iowa from Missouri, and that its continuation #65 was some 35 miles east of Creston. The next day he received a letter saying that the Federal Agents were trying to take all the credit; that he made a mistake in his first letter that he meant to say it was near Mt. Ayr, Ia. on Highway #169. Effort was made to have me make an investigation with State Agents at Mt. Ayr, but I declined as there was no definite information, and it appeared rather peculiar that the writer of an anonymous letter should detect his own mistakes, after I had discussed this matter with Mr. Findley. I wanted to make sure of my belief as to the writer of this letter, so I told Mr. Findley that I had definite information that the hide out was in Des Moines. The result was another anonymous letter saying that the house used was that of Kenneth Scandlitter's in Des Moines, Ia. It was suggested that I conduct such investigation as was necessary and to raid these places. I then became too busy. The result seems to be this letter to Mr. Hoover. 2-576

Scandlitter and Dickerson are liquor dealers but gamblers in Des Moines, but not of any particular importance. So far as I can ascertain they had nothing to do with the kidnapping of Jim Sheridan in 1930.

I call your particular attention to the last five lines of this letter, "of course you can depend on Mr. Findley, Bureau of Investigation, Des Moines". As a precautionary measure I will check this information, but I do not believe it is worth the much time.

Very truly yours,
O.C. Dewey, Special Agent
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

cc-Kansas City
Division

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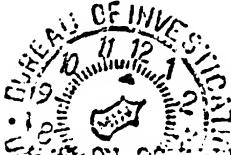
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REKID AUBURN CALIFORNIA COMPANY HERE ADVISES ON MARCH NINTH LAST
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AUBURN COMPANY THERE NEW TWELVE CYLINDER AUBURN MOTOR BB FIFTEEN TWO
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Edward J. Bremer

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGON, D. C.

P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 23, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
505-A U. S. Court House & P. O.
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREWER - Victim
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

Listed below you will find information pertaining to nine cars
which it is believed had been used in various localities by members of the
Barker-Karpis gang and a tracing of which in all probability will prove
of value in leading to the apprehension of the desired subjects. It is
reasonable to assume that several of the cars may still be in the possession
of members of this gang and registered in one of the several States under
one of the numerous aliases known to be used by this mob. Every Division
office is being furnished with copies of this letter for investigative
attention and same should be handled promptly.

*Auburn Sedan, motor No. 88-1827. This car is a 1933, 12-cylinder
Auburn Sedan, blue body with gray hood and canvas top, six wire wheels, was
purchased at San Francisco, California, October 9, 1933, by one William
B. Lohman. The car was registered for 1933 in California under No.
7-B-5762 in the name of William B. Lohman, William Taylor Hotel, San Francisco,
California. Volney Davis has been positively identified as one of the
purchasers of this car and Arthur Barker is believed to be another purchaser.
This car is reported as having been seen in the possession of Alvin Karpis
at Reno, Nevada, about three weeks ago.

*Buick Sedan, motor No. 2,797,868. This car was purchased at Reno,
Nevada, on January 11, 1933, by R. E. Davis, who has been identified as Fred
Barker with aliases of F. C. Blackburn, J. E. Blackburn and T. C. Blackburn.
This car was paid for with new \$500 bills and was licensed in Nevada for
1933 under number 1422.

*Buick Sedan, motor No. 2,808,090, bearing California license 20767, was
taken into California, November 17, 1933, from Reno, Nevada, by Fred Barker
who was then using the alias of T. A. Blackburn and gave his address
General Delivery, Los Angeles, California. The car returned to Reno, Nevada,
November 27, 1933.

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Ford V8, motor No. 1,849,508, bearing Ohio 1933 license No. 6-10771, entered California on October 25, 1933, from Reno, Nevada, and the car was registered under the name of J. G. Blackburn, 4214 North Lockwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio. California permit No. 104061 was obtained at this time. George L. Martin, who has been partially identified as being Harry Campbell, was residing in Reno, Nevada, from October 6 to December 20, 1933, and was seen driving this particular car.

Pontiac Sedan, motor No. 285160, was purchased at Reno, Nevada, with new \$500 bills by one L. J. Harvey who has been partially identified as Arthur Barker. Nevada license number 1023 was issued covering this car on January 9, 1933.

Ford V8 Deluxe Coupe, motor No. 288420, was registered on October 9, 1933, in the State of Minnesota under No. B-473569 to E. L. Davis, Box 82, Lakeville, Minnesota. Prior to this registration, under date of July 31, 1933, the car was registered in the State of Illinois under No. 1-246602 to E. V. Davis, Box 322, Grayslake, Illinois. This car is reported as having been seen in the possession of suspects in this case at Reno, Nevada, in September and November, 1933. E. V. Davis has been identified at Lakeville, Minnesota, as being Volney Davis.

Chevrolet Sedan, motor No. 4654674, serial No. 1-CA023077, was registered January 11, 1934, in the State of Minnesota under No. B-45372 to E. V. Davis, Box 254, White Bear Lake, Minnesota. This car was registered for 1933 in the State of Illinois under No. 774367 to E. V. Davis, 2408 Crawford Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Plymouth Sedan, motor No. 81821, changed to 8181, serial No. 175709, was registered for 1933 in the State of Nevada by Alvin Karpis who gave the name of E. L. Barnes, 591 West 7th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota. This is a fictitious address. This car was registered in the State of Minnesota for the year 1932 under No. B-158081 to E. L. Barnes, 591 West 7th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Ford V8 Deluxe Coupe, motor No. 18-504794, was registered in the State of Minnesota for the year 1934 under No. B-75039 to E. L. Murray, Box 345, White Bear, Minnesota. It is believed that E. L. Murray is an alias for Alvin Karpis.

Graham-Paige Sedan, motor No. 1024021, chassis No. 1018195, purchased from the Graham-Paige Agency, San Francisco, by E. L. Barnes,

who paid cash and traded in seven-passenger Plymouth Sedan, motor number PB-81821, bearing 1933 Nevada license No. 7985. 1933 California license S-H-8661, was issued for this Graham-Paige Sedan to E. L. Barnes, 2779 California Street, San Francisco, California. An out-of-State permit was obtained on the Plymouth Sedan during February, 1933, by E. L. Barnes, who gave as his address Midway Apartments, Reno, Nevada.

For the convenience of all offices concerned, there are being set forth the correct names and known aliases of the suspects who may be in possession of the cars above mentioned or who may attempt to register other cars:

Fred Barker with aliases: E. Barnes, E. G. Ward, Ted Murphy, R. E. Davis, J. E. Blackburn, T. C. Blackburn, and A. S. Hunter.

Arthur Barker with aliases: "Dee" Barker, Claude Dale, Bob Barker, E. L. Murray, E. J. Harvey, and A. S. Hunter.

Alvin Karpis with aliases: Raymond Hadley, George Miller, Alvin Karpis, George Dunn, R. E. Hamilton, Ray Karpis, Al Carter, E. L. Burns, E. L. Burns, J. J. Burns, William Lehman, William Lehman, and E. L. Barnes.

Harry Campbell with aliases: T. C. Blackburn and George L. Martin.

Volney Davis, with aliases: E. V. Davis, J. E. Lockwood, S. E. Lockwood, and S. E. Morris.

A thorough and complete check should be made by each field office at the State Motor Vehicle Registration Bureaus located in their respective districts in order to ascertain whether any of the automobiles above listed are presently registered. The motor numbers, as well as the correct names of mentioned suspects with all aliases, should be checked against the State Motor Vehicle Registration Bureau records since the name check may disclose other cars which are being used by these gangsters. Arrangements should be made to have a flash card prepared for each automobile and each suspect, with aliases, to be left with the State Motor Vehicle Registration Bureaus so that the Division can be promptly advised should an attempt be made to register any of the automobiles above listed, or should any of the suspects try to register any other cars.

Very truly yours,

J. A. BORR,
Inspector.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

April 2, 1934

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Mr. Clegg
MR. NATHAN.....
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

There was forwarded to you a day or so ago a memorandum prepared in the Washington Field Office, calling upon automobile license registration bureaus in Washington, D. C., Baltimore, Maryland and Richmond, Virginia, for a check of certain automobiles listed, as well as a request that the files at these registration bureaus be flagged for the names of the five suspects in the Bremer case. This information of course, prepared in this form is calculated to make known generally the names of all five suspects, although the Department has released information relative to only two of them. There is attached hereto a copy of a letter addressed to the Salt Lake City Office by Mr. Rorer, indicating that copies of the same letter were sent to all field offices and included in the letter was a request that similar action be taken by each field office. This, of course, will make it possible for a large number of individuals to know the names of all five of the suspects. There would probably be some publicity resulting from this, and I thought you would be interested in knowing that such a request has been made, particularly if it does result in undesirable publicity.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg
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<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: S. N. Tiffan of Federated Metals Corp., St. Louis, Mo., interviewed and furnished agent with full information regarding whereabouts of Stonewall J. Smith during the months of May and June, 1933, as shown by the route sheets of this company.</p> <p>REFERENCE: Letter from Dallas Division Office, dated 3-17-34.</p> <p>DETAILS: At St. Louis, Mo.</p> <p>Agent interviewed S. N. Tiffan, Asst. Manager of the Federated Metals Corp., 4041 Park Ave., St. Louis, who produced the route sheets showing the whereabouts of Stonewall J. 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Mr. Tiffan stated that Stonewall J. Smith has been working for the Federated Metals Corp. for about eight years and that his record is good with this company. He states that Smith has never been in any kind of trouble, to his knowledge, and states further that Smith does not drink or run after women, but has a weakness for playing poker. Mr. Tiffan stated that Smith associates mostly with the traveling men of the territory in which he works. He further stated that there were several Stonewall J. Smiths in the territory covered by this Stonewall J. Smith and that the mail and telegrams sent to him had been received by other parties with the same name in that section of the country.

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March 26, 1934

Special Agent in charge,
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Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith copy of report of Special Agent Clegg, Salt Lake City, dated March 26, 1934, received at this office this afternoon, via air mail, which calls for certain investigation at Toledo, Ohio.

We have ascertained from the Auto Registry Division, Columbus, Ohio, that T. C. Blackburn, 4214 North Lockwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio, secured 1933 license plates C-25771, September 26, 1933, for Ford 1933 Model 8 cylinder sedan, motor 18-495080 and also secured 1933 license plates C-25783, September 26, 1933, for Buick 1933 Sedan, motor 2955090, serial 2705063.

Please refer to lead indicated by the Cincinnati office and conduct the necessary inquiry.

Very truly yours,

E. J. CORNWELLER,
Special Agent in Charge.

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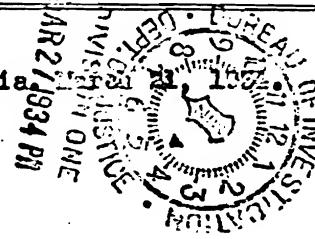
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TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREWER, VICTIM			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING
SYNOPSIS or FACTS: Flash Notices placed with and information requested of Departments of Motor Vehicles, Pennsylvania and Delaware.			
REFERENCE: Letter from St. Paul Office, 3-23-34 Telegram 3-28-34			
DETAILS: AT PHILADELPHIA The Departments of Motor Vehicles of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of Delaware have been requested by letter to furnish this office all information pertaining to the cars listed in reference letter and telegram, and also to place Flash Notices for these cars and the individuals mentioned.			
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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Suite L, Federal Building,
Kansas City, Missouri

Dear Sir:-

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases;
et al. Unknown Subjects.
EDWARD GEORGE BREWER, Victim
KIDNAPING - Chicago File 7-82

Reference is made to the memorandum of Special Agent H. E. Anderson, dated March 5, 1934, in connection with the Eddie Doll Case, for the attention of Assistant Director Nathan.

The second paragraph on the second page of the memorandum referred to states that Doll suggested that photographs of all the escapes from the State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois for the last five years be secured and exhibited to him for the purpose of identifying one "White" Anderson, a suspect named by Doll in the Bremer Case.

Accordingly, photographs and fingerprint cards on the following escapes from the Joliet Penitentiary, who have not been returned, were secured and sent over the period from 1929 to date:

7759-D James H. White
8363-E Wm. L. Johnston
1350-E William Irvin
6940-D Tony Sansone
7671-D Jos. Jablonski

4492-E Ross Castle
5437-E George Nelson
3422-E Edw. Schreiber
5659-E Phil McCabe
2855-E Harris Bailey.

These photographs and fingerprint cards, with the exception of a fingerprint card on Harris Bailey, which was not furnished this office, are being transmitted herewith for Agent Anderson's assistance in again interviewing DOLL.

Very truly yours,

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J. C. DRAWER 1457,
St. Louis, Missouri.

March 23, 1934.

Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
P. O. Box 518,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
Edward George Bremer - Victim.

Reference is made to your letter of March 13, 1934 and the report of Special Agent C. E. Weeks, New York City, dated March 13, 1934, with reference to the identification of the cap identified as having been worn by subject Karpis at the time he purchased the flashlights in St. Paul.

Please be advised that upon receipt of the mentioned cap the same was exhibited by Special Agent R. L. Dauroa of this office to Mr. H. J. Rubenstein of the Mound City Cap Mfg. Co., 618 North 6th St., St. Louis.

Mr. Rubenstein, after closely examining this cap, stated that the same was not a product of his company, this decision being based upon the fact that the cap in question carried a union label on the inside of the band, the lining was of material not used in the lining of his caps, and the two lapels on the front of the cap were held together by a round string, whereas his products, and especially the two lapels, are held together with a flat shoestring. Mr. Rubenstein exhibited to the agent several products of his company which appear to be similar to the cap in question, except as to the union label, the lining, and the string holding the two front lapels together. The linings in the caps manufactured by the Mound City Cap Mfg. Co. are of smooth wool in various mixtures of colors and usually are checked.

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The mentioned cap is being returned under separate cover to the St. Paul Division Office.

Very truly yours,

F. F. TEARSLEY, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

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Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 515
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

IN RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, ET AL.
EDWARD GEORGE BREWER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Reference is made to the letter of March 19, 1934, from
Inspector W. A. Rorer addressed from St. Paul, Minnesota, to the
San Antonio Division Office.

Special Agent Anderson secured from the Kansas State
Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, two photographs of Jess Doyle,
Register number 9845, bearing description and fingerprint classi-
fication. Same are enclosed herewith.

With reference to Bill Scott mentioned in the letter of
reference, Agent Anderson was unable to determine which Bill Scott
might be desired since there is a record of numerous parties by
that name at the Kansas State Penitentiary.

Jess Doyle was known to be related in some manner,
probably through marriage, to Nick Karns and Tommie Bill, of South
Coffeyville, Oklahoma, and through that source appropriate in-
vestigation might be made looking toward his location in the event
same is desired.

If more definite information can be secured relative to
the Scott whose photograph is desired this office will endeavor to
secure same.

Very truly yours,

W. F. Tros
cc - Division
cc - Oklahoma City

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REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
Salt Lake City, Utah	3-22-34	3-18-21-34	A. R. GERE
TITLE:		CHARACTER OF CASE:	
ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al EDWARD GEORGE BREWER - VICTIM		KIDNAPING	
<p>SYNOPSIS or FACTS:</p> <p>Photograph of subject Alvin Karpis positively identified as residing at Reno, Nevada, Nov. 18, 1932, to February 7, 1933, and from Nov. 2, 1933, to Dec. 2, 1933, and driving Auburn Sedan, Motor No. BB-1527, bearing California (1933) License No. 7 H 57-62, which was registered to Wm. B. Lowman, Wm. Taylor Hotel, San Francisco, Calif., and purchased May Oct. 9, 1933. Subject Alvin Karpis used names E.L. Burns and R.L. Burns at Reno, Nevada. Photograph of subject Fred Barker positively identified as having purchased Buick Sedan, model 32-87, Motor No. 2797869, Serial No. 2647365, at Reno, Nevada, on January 11, 1933, bearing Nevada 1933 License No. 1-488, under name R. E. Davis. Subject Fred Barker also identified as F. C. Blackburn, alias J. E. Blackburn, alias T. C. Blackburn, residing at Reno, Nevada, from October 6, 1933, to December 2, 1933, and having his possession at that time Buick Sedan, motor No. 2858090, bearing Ohio License No. C 25-783, which entered California No. 17, 1933, under name T. C. Blackburn. Photograph of subject Harry Campbell partially identified as George L. Martin, who resided Reno, Nevada, from October 6, 1933, to December 20, 1933, and having his possession Ford V-8 Sedan, Motor 18-495080, bearing Ohio 1933 license No. C 25-771, which entered California, Oct. 25, 1933, under name T. G. Blackburn, 4214 North Lockwood Ave., Toledo, Ohio, and issued California Permit No. 124983. Photograph Arthur R. Barker partially identified as H.J. Harvey, who on January 9, 1933, purchased Pontiac Sedan, Motor No. 865160, at Reno, Nevada, and obtained Nevada 1933 License No. 1283. Above subjects or associates also had their possession at Reno, Nevada, Ford V-8 Sedan, on Nov. 18, 1933, bearing Minnesota 1933 License No. B/33-473-569, and on Sept. 30, 1933, had a Dodge Sedan, bearing Illinois 1933 license No. 1-237-051. Subject Alvin Karpis seen at Reno, Nev., with Auburn Sedan about March 1st, 1934.</p>			
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REFERENCE: Letters from Inspector W. A. Horar, St. Paul, Minn., March 6 and March 12, 1934, and letter from SAC San Francisco, Calif., March 12, 1934.

DETAILS:

AT SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

Upon receipt of first letter of reference, the Secretary of State, Carson City, Nevada, was requested to furnish information concerning persons who obtained Nevada 1932 License No. 1-488, and Nevada 1933 License No. 1-283, and reply was received stating that 1932 License No. 1-488 was issued to J. C. Games, 201 Keystone Street, Reno, Nevada, for a Chevrolet Coupe, Motor No. 4590587, and that Nevada 1934 License No. 2-981 was issued for the same automobile. (Note: Erroneous information as to 1934 plates); also that Nevada 1933 License No. 1-283 was issued to S. J. Harvey, Hotel Anderson, Reno, Nevada, for Pontiac Sedan, Motor No. 885160.

AT RENO, NEVADA

Considerable time was spent in locating J. C. Games and ascertaining the data relative to his Chevrolet Coupe bearing Nevada 1932 License No. 1-488, only to later find that the data in Inspector Horar's letter of March 6, 1934, was erroneous as to the year 1932, and should have read "1933", and this report will therefore not reflect the steps taken in investigating Nevada 1932 License No. 1-488.

From Deputy U. S. Marshal George E. Turpin, residence, 545 Elm Street, and J. M. Kirkley, Chief of Police, it was ascertained that Wm. J. (Bill) Graham, residence, 548 California Street, a resident of Reno, Nevada, for 14 years, and J. C. McKay, residence, South Virginia Road, about one mile south of the Reno City limits, were formerly principal owners of the Rex Saloon and gambling club, now closed, also principal owners, with Jack Sullivan and Ray Kendall, of the Bank Club gambling hall, and also own the controlling interest in the Riverside Security Co., owners of the red-light district "corral", Reno, Nevada, and that during the summer months they operate the "Calneva" gambling, dining and dancing Joint and saloon, Lake Tahoe, California, near Reno; that Bill Graham and J. C. McKay are under \$10,000. bond in Federal Court for their appearance at New York City on a charge of using the mails to defraud; that they both went to New York about the last of February, 1934, and J. C. McKay remained in New York, and Bill Graham returned about March 10th, and is now in San Francisco, Calif., visiting his mother, Mrs. Graham; that Eose Barnett has never been connected with the ownership of any gambling license or gambling club in Reno; that the Crystal Inn and Log Cabin at Lake Tahoe, Calif., is a rendezvous for racketeers, bank bandits, and "big-shot" bunco

man, and that during the summer months is a popular place for such persons; that Carl Beckdolf, Constable, Tahoe City, Calif., would be a good party to furnish information as to the habitues of Lake Tahoe, Wm. J. (Bill) Graham is undoubtedly the "Graham" referred to in letter of reference, who is acquainted with Governor Fred B. Balzar of Nevada, and who is understood to have been closely associated with Governor Balzar, who died an even date, March 21, 1934.

From Deputy Assessor Chas. J. Galt it was ascertained that Nevada 1933 license No. 1-283 was issued to H. J. Harvey, Hotel Anderson, Reno, Nevada, for a new 1933 model Pontiac Sedan, Motor No. 885160, Serial No. 770178, name of party from whom purchased not shown; license issued January 9, 1933.

Inquiry of Mrs. Rose Morgan, proprietress of the Hotel Anderson, 218 Sierra Street, Mrs. Jessie Green, maid, and Edith Brewster, Clerk, developed that no one named H. J. Harvey was known at that hotel, and no record found in the hotel register.

From H. R. Wilson, Sales Manager, Scott Motor Co., South Virginia and Ryland Streets, residence, 1029 Riverside, it was ascertained that on January 7, 1933, H. J. Harvey, giving fictitious address as Hotel Anderson, Reno, Nevada, and not found at that address when attempting to notify him that automobile was ready for delivery, purchased Pontiac Sedan, Motor No. 885160, Serial No. 770178, brown mohair upholstery, dark blue body, six wire wheels, two spares in fender-wells, for \$890., which he paid with two, brand-new \$500. bills, which were pronounced genuine at the bank before delivery of the automobile; that H. J. Harvey was accompanied at different times by three other men, all of whom seemed to be suspicious characters; that one of the other men under the name of R. E. Davis, on January 11, 1933, purchased a Buick Sedan, model 38-87 (1932) model, Motor No. 2797868, Serial No. 2647365, Body No. 3257, for \$1390., having been allowed a discount of \$700. on account of the car being a 1932 model, and having been used as a demonstrator, but that the car looked practically new; grey whip-cord upholstery, dark green body; six wire wheels, two spares in fender-wells; that payment for the Buick Sedan was also made with brand-new \$500. bills, and that R. E. Davis also gave a \$100. bill in payment for 10 gallons of gas; that R. E. Davis and H. J. Harvey seemed to have an unlimited amount of money, and were suspected of being underworld characters; that another associate of these men (later identified as Alvin Karpis) had also attempted to purchase an automobile, but it had been impossible to make delivery; that one of the men was believed to have rented automobiles from Paul A. Walters, 320 South Virginia Street; that they had done most of their drinking at the Town House, and that Charley Rennie at that place was probably acquainted with them.

Upon obtaining the foregoing information, it was

ascertained from Deputy Assessor Chas. J. Galt that on January 11, 1933, R. E. Davis, Hotel Anderson, Reno, Nevada, had obtained Nevada 1933 (not 1932) license No. L-488, for Buick Sedan, 1932 model, 32-37, Motor No. 2797868, 5-passenger, Serial No. 2647345.

No information as to R. E. Davis could be obtained at the Hotel Anderson.

Paul A. Walters, rent car service, 200 South Virginia St., residence, Apt. #6, Sunnyside Apartments, 239 Flint Street, stated that a man giving the name of E.L. Burnes, and addressed the Hotel Anderson, Reno, Nevada, had rented automobiles on five different occasions from Nov. 13, 1932, to Nov. 26, 1933, and on each occasion had made a deposit of a \$50. bill; that E.L. Burnes had also signed some of the contract forms as E.L. Burnes, but that it was not noticed at the time that he had given the different initials; that E.L. (or E.L.) Burnes did not talk much; that he was accompanied at different times by three or four men, who had an Imperial Chrysler, a Pontiac Sedan, an Auburn Sedan, and a Ford Sedan; that about October, 1933, R. L. Burnes (later identified as subject Alvin Karpis) had a new Dodge Sedan, bearing Illinois license plates, which he desired to sell to him (Walters) but decided to make a trip to San Francisco, Calif., and upon his return a few days later had a new Auburn Sedan; that E.L. Burnes was supposed to have had his tonsils removed at Los Angeles, Calif., in January, 1933; that R.L. Burnes was at the Elvada Apartments, Reno, in February 1933; that R.L. Burnes was about 26 or 27 years of age, height, about 5 ft. 10 in. or 11 in.; weight, about 155 lbs.; tall, slim, frail, delicate looking, light hair, blue eyes, complexion, light; uneducated; that E.L. Burnes and his companions did their drinking at the Town House and the Rex Saloon (owned by Bill Graham and partners).

G. W. Smith, owner of the Elvada Apartments, 328 Flint St., stated that E.L. Burns first rented an apartment while he was alone on Dec. 23, 1932, and remained until Feb. 7, 1933; that he had numerous men visitors at his apartment during that time; that when he first came he had an automobile (make unknown) with an Illinois license plate, and that when he returned from California in January, 1933, he had a Graham Paige, blue color, with California license plates; that he had Apartment No. 5 the first time, and that on November 2, 1933, E.L. Burns and alleged wife, rented Apartment No. 9 and remained one month; that E.L. Burns paid his rent with \$100. bills; that E.L. Burns and his wife had friends, two married couples, living at the

Hiland Apartments, who had two automobiles with Ohio license, and that one of the couples moved from the Hiland Apartments to the Belmont Apartments, and that the maid at the Belmont Apartments asked him if E.L. Burns was a doctor, as the other couple had called E.L. Burns "Doc"; that E.L. Burns was about 27 or 28 years of age, height, about 5 ft. 2 in.; weight, 140 to 145 lbs; dark brown hair, blue eyes; light, pale complexion; looked emaciated, and looked like he took dope; face drawn down on one side and talked out of corner of mouth, never opened mouth wide; that E.L. Burns left behind him two felt hats size 6 7/8, inside of one of which was the name "L.F. Delly"; that E.L. Burns when renting the apartment, No. 4, on November 2, 1933, wanted to know how soon he could get a telephone connected in his apartment as he was looking for several long-distance telephone calls; that it was not known for sure whether he had a telephone installed at that time, but it was presumed that he did.

Mrs. L. L. Rowan, proprietress of the Hiland Apartments, 234 West Liberty St., stated that on October 4, 1933, F. C. Blackburn and wife, rented Apartment No. 240, paying \$50 for one month's rent with a \$100. bill; that F. C. Blackburn had a Buick Sedan with Ohio 1933 License No. C 25-783, and claimed to be from Ohio; that they left a few days before their month's rent was up, and took with them about \$20. worth of linen belonging to the apartment; that she found they had moved to the Belmont Apartments and went to the Belmont Apartments and found them living in Apartment No. 8, and recovered the linen; that on the same day that F.C. Blackburn and his wife arrived at the apartments, Oct. 8, 1933, their friends, George L. Martin and wife, rented Apartment No. 240-A, paying the rent with \$100. bills; that Geo. L. Martin and wife remained until Dec. 20, 1933; that one day Mrs. Martin told her that she was from Oklahoma, and later she told Mrs. Rowan that her husband told her to tell Mrs. Rowan to never mention that they were from Oklahoma; that George L. Martin had an automobile, make forgotten, bearing Ohio License No. C 25-771, which was a smaller car than F.C. Blackburn owned, and that Mrs. Martin remarked about their not having as nice a car as the Blackburns and their friends, the Burns, at the Elvada Apartments; that Mrs. Martin was about 6 ft. 5 in. in height, age, about 25 years, weight, about 100 lbs, or less, jet black straight hair, parted in the middle, and combed straight; dark brown eyes; claimed to have trace of Indian blood, feet highly arched, and beautiful hands and feet; that Mrs. Martin said her father was a Methodist preacher in Oklahoma before he died, and had a small country church, near Tulsa, Okla., and between Tulsa and Oklahoma City; that she met her husband, George L. Martin, in Ohio and married him in Ohio; that she had 1/16 Indian blood thru her mother; that Mrs. F. C. Blackburn was short and fat, age about 35, height, about 5 ft. 2 in.; weight about 130; Polish or Slav.

race; reddish hair, probably changed from dark brown; hazel eyes; large mouth, face pimpled, not good looking; that Mrs. Martin called Mrs. Blackburn "Pauline"; [REDACTED]

At the Belmont Apartments, 400 Belmont Road, the maid, Miss Emma Wray, residence No. 3 Granite Apts., 315½ Granite St., stated that J. E. Blackburn and wife registered on Nov. 2, 1933, and remained just one month in Apartment No. 8, leaving no forwarding address. A tracing of the signature of J. E. Blackburn was obtained from the apartment register.

From Frank B. Cochran, Mrs. Air Service Co., 241 South Virginia Street, Residence, 701 Marsh Ave., it was ascertained from his records that on Sept. 30, 1933, he repaired Dodge Sedan, 6 cylinders, mileage, 8051 miles, bearing Illinois 1933 License No. 1-237-051; that on October 28, 1933, and again on November 27, 1933, he repaired a Buick Sedan, having six wire wheels, and bearing Ohio License plates (1933) No. C 25-783; that on Nov. 15, 1933, he repaired Ford V-8 Sedan, bearing Minnesota (1933) License Plates No. B 33-473-569; that on November 25, 1933, he had repaired Auburn Sedan, 12 cylinders, V-type, 1933 model, six wire wheels, bearing California (1933) License No. 7 H 57-62; that the Buick Sedan in question, bearing Ohio (1933) License plates No. C 25-783 was a model 91, 1933 model, with a built-in trunk on the rear, six wire wheels; that these automobiles were repaired for several men who associated together and apparently had plenty of money; that they always paid in cash, and no record was made of their names or addresses, and it was not remembered if any of them had given any names.

From D. E. Haddock, District Sales Supervisor, Bell Telephone Co. of Nevada, it was ascertained that no record could be found of a telephone having been installed in Apartment No. 8 at the Elvada Apartments, 328 Flint St., on November 2, 1933, or thereafter, but that a telephone was installed in Apartment No. 5 of Elvada Apartments, 328 Flint St., on January 5, 1933, and disconnected on Feb. 28, 1933, because party left without notice, which was installed under the name of E. L. Burns, previous address, 3010 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ills., local reference, Louis Marymont, Town House, Reno, Nevada; and that no long-distance telephone charges were charged to that telephone during the period from January 5 to February 28, 1933.

Frank B. Cochran, residence, 701 Marsh Ave., identified the photograph of Subject Alvin Karpis as the owner of the Auburn Sedan, bearing California 1933 License No. 7 H 57-62, and also

identified the photograph of subject Fred Barker as the owner of the Buick Sedan bearing Ohio (1933) license plates No. 6 25-783 and partially identified the photograph of subject Harry Campbell as the owner of a Ford V-8 Sedan (probably George L. Martin).

H. R. Wilson, Sales Manager, Scott Motor Co., South Virginia Street and Ryland Street, residence, 1029 Riverside, and Ray J. Root, salesman, Scott Motor Co., residence, 321 East Taylor Street, readily identified the photograph of subject Fred Barker, as H. E. Davis, who purchased the Buick Sedan in question on January 11, 1933, and also identified the photograph of subject Alvin Karpis as E. L. Burns, who attempted to purchase an Oldsmobile Sedan about January 10, 1933; and partially identified the photograph of subject Arthur E. Barker as H. J. Harvey who purchased the Pontiac Sedan in question on January 7, 1933.

E. W. Smith, Elvada Apartments, 528 Flint St., and his wife both identified the photograph of subject Alvin Karpis as E. L. Burns, who resided at those apartments alone from Dec. 23, 1932, to Feb. 7, 1933, and with his alleged wife from Nov. 2, 1933, to Dec. 2, 1933.

Mrs. L. L. Rowan, owner Hiland Apartments, 234 East Liberty Street, identified the photograph of subject Fred Barker as F. C. Blackburn, who with his alleged wife resided in Apartment No. 240 from Oct. 6, 1933, to about Nov. 2, 1933, and also partially identified the photograph of subject Harry Campbell, as George L. Martin, who with his alleged wife occupied Apt. #240 from Oct. 6, 1933, to Dec. 20, 1933.

Miss Emma Wray, maid, Belmont Apartments, 400 Belmont Road, readily identified the photograph of subject Fred Barker as J. E. Blackburn, who with his alleged wife resided in Apt. #8 from Nov. 2, 1933, to Dec. 2, 1933.

Mrs. Elva (Andrea Chris) Pedersen, owner of the Belmont Apartments, residence Apt. #17, Belmont Apartments, 400 Belmont Road, readily identified the photograph of subject Fred Barker as J. E. Blackburn, who with his wife occupied Apt. No. 8 from Nov. 2, 1933, to December 2, 1933, and stated that when J. E. Blackburn and his wife left they left behind them a radio and a man's leather coat, and that in a day or two she received a letter from Mrs. Blackburn requesting that the radio and leather coat be forwarded to some place in Minnesota, care General Delivery, to which address the articles were forwarded; that

she cannot locate the letter and believes it to have been destroyed, and cannot remember the place in Minnesota to which the articles were forwarded. Mrs. Pederson gave the following description of Mrs. J. B. Blackburn; age, about 28; height about 5 ft.; weight 100 lbs. or less; dark brown hair, "frizzy"; dark eyes, brunette, slender build, homely. It will be noted this description differs from that furnished by Mrs. Rowan at the Hiland Apartments.

Ray J. Root, salesman, Scott Motor Co. stated that he saw subject Alvin Karpis (known to him as E. L. Burns or E.L. Burns) in Reno about three weeks ago in an Auburn Sedan, believed to have California license plates, and that subject Alvin Karpis waved his hand upon seeing him, but that he did not stop to talk with him.

Sales slips bearing the signature of E.J. Harvey and R. J. Davis were obtained from the Scott Motor Co., H.R. Wilson, Sales Manager. Original auto rental contracts bearing the signatures of R.L. Burnes and E. L. Burnes were obtained from Paul A. Walters, 300 South Virginia Street. Original registration of "E.L. Burnes & Wife", Nov. 2, 1933, at the Elvada Apartments and inventory at the Elvada Apartments signed "E.L. Burns" was obtained from C. W. Smith.

From the State Highway Motor Vehicle Department, Sacramento, Calif., it was ascertained that Buick Sedan, Motor No. 2858090, bearing 1933 Ohio license No. C 25-783, entered California on Nov. 17, 1933, and was registered to T.C. Blackburn, General Delivery, Los Angeles, Calif., and that there was no record of a registration of this car in 1934 in California to date; also that Ford Sedan, Motor No. 18-493080, bearing Ohio License No. C 25-771 (1933), registered to T. C. Blackburn, 4214 North Lockwood Ave., Toledo, Ohio, was issued a non-resident Permit, No. 124983, on Oct. 25, 1933, giving California address as San Francisco, Calif., no street address, and that no California registration of this car for 1934 had as yet been filed; also that California 1933 License No. 7 H 57-62 was issued to Wm. B. Lohman, Wm. Taylor Hotel, San Francisco, Calif., sole owner, Auburn Sedan, Motor No. BB-1527, first sold Oct. 9, 1933, and no record of 1934 registration in California to date.

AT CARSON CITY, NEVADA

From the Secretary of State's Office, thru Miss Jean Bonafous, Clerk, it was ascertained that there was not any license

numbered 7985 issued in the State of Nevada for the year 1933, but that Nevada license No. 7985 was issued on December 2, 1932, at Reno, Nevada, to E.L. Burnes, Ridgemay Apts., No. 29, Reno, Nevada, for a new five-passenger (not seven passenger, as stated in letter of reference from SAC Vetterli, San Francisco, Calif., March 12, 1934) Plymouth Sedan, 1932 model P.B., engine No. P.B. 81821, serial No. 1757009, which was based upon a Minnesota Registration Card for 1934, without date, Minnesota (1932) license No. B-158081, covering Plymouth Sedan, 4 door, model 1932 P.B. Motor No. 8181 (changed with pen to 81821), Serial No. 1757009, previous No. N. 10, issued to E.L. Burnes, 591 West 7th St., St. Paul, Minn., resident of Ramsey Co., and signed by Mike Holm, Secretary of State, which was endorsed on the back "Entered California, Station No. 3, Nov. 27, 1932, Permit No. 152574, Clerk No. 12".

Search of the records of the Motor Vehicle Dept. Secretary of State's Office, did not reveal any registration of the following automobiles; for the years 1932, 1933 and 1934; other than as heretofore reported:

Auburn Sedan, Motor No. BB 1527
Buick Sedan, Motor No. 2797868
Buick Sedan, Motor No. 2858090
Ford 4-8 Sedan, Motor No. 4B-483780
X Graham Paige Sedan, Motor No. 1024081
Pontiac Sedan, Motor No. 885160

Or any automobiles registered under the following names, other than as heretofore reported heretofore:

E.L. Burnes, E.L. Burns, R.L. Burnes, R.L. Burns, Mr. B. Lohman, F. C. Blackburn, T.C. Blackburn, J. E. Blackburn, Geo. L. Martin, H.J. Harvey, R. E. Davis (except another party by that name at Reno, Nev., who is apparently not identical with the B.E. Davis in question), Volney Davis, Fred Barker, Alvin Karpis, Arthur E. Barker, and Harry Campbell.

A list of the foregoing automobiles and names was furnished to the Secretary of State with the request that the Salt Lake City Office be immediately notified in the event a registration should occur of any of the automobiles in question or under any of the foregoing names.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE AT SACRAMENTO AND SAN FRANCISCO: Will ascertain whether any of the automobiles listed above have

been registered during the year 1934, and whether licences have been issued to any of the names listed above, or other known aliases of the subjects of this case, also obtain data relative to permits issued upon entering California.

THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE AT SACRAMENTO, CALIF.: Will also obtain all available information relative to Auburn Sedan, Motor No. BB 1629, California (1933) License No. 74 57-1, obtaining a complete description of this Auburn Sedan, believed to be now in the possession of subject Alvin Karpis.

THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE AT LOS ANGELES, CALIF.: Will obtain similar information from the records of Los Angeles County.

THE CINCINNATI OFFICE AT COLUMBUS, OHIO: Will obtain complete information relative to the issuance of Ohio 1933 License Nos. C 25-771 and C 25-783, and obtain all available information relative to F. C. Blackburn, 2214 North Lockwood Ave., Toledo, Ohio.

THE CHICAGO OFFICE AT CHICAGO, ILL.: Will obtain all available information relative to E.L. Burns, 3010 West Madison Street, prior or subsequent to January 5, 1933, and also obtain all information available relative to Dodge Sedan, bearing Illinois (1933) License No. 2-237-031.

THE ST. PAUL OFFICE AT ST. PAUL, MINN.: Will obtain all available information relative to Minnesota (1933) License No. B/33-473-569, on Ford V 8 Sedan; also Minnesota (1932) License No. B-158081, covering Plymouth Sedan, Motor No. B1821; and previous License No. N 10, and all available information concerning E.L. Burns, 591 West 5th St., St. Paul, Minn., prior or subsequent to December 2, 1932.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY OFFICE AT TULSA, OKLA.: Will endeavor to ascertain the identity of the alleged wife of Geo. L. Martin (presumably Subject Harry Campbell), whose father was a Methodist preacher prior to his recent death near Tulsa, or between Tulsa and Oklahoma City.

The foregoing offices should be particular to obtain complete descriptions of all automobiles enumerated in this report which may at present be in the possession of any of subjects.

THE SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE AT RENO, NEVADA: Will make further efforts to locate any of subjects in that vicinity.

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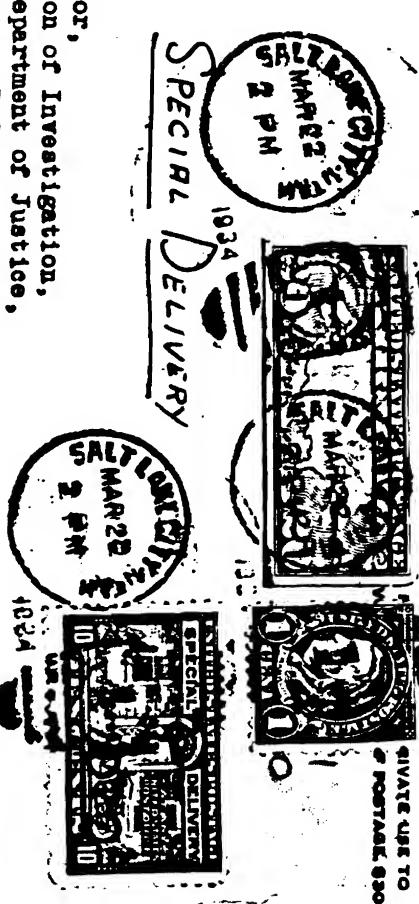
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Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.
EDWARD G. BREWER - Victim,
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Reference letter Inspector W. A. Rorar, St. Paul, Minn.,
dated March 6, 1934:

Mr. Martin, Chief Clerk, National Automobile Theft Bureau,
228 Pine St., San Francisco, ascertained by telephone from the California
State Motor Vehicle Division, Sacramento, California, that California
1934 license plates 8-N-478, were issued on January 28, 1934, to one
James Rogers, address 154 Eastwood Drive, San Francisco, California, for
Hudson Sedan, Motor No. 30,500 (not No. 800), serial No. 850174, and that
James Rogers is sole owner. Mr. Martin further stated that there is no
record that said automobile has been stolen.

Inspector Richard Smith, Auto Theft Detail, San Francisco
Police Department, stated that there is no record that said Hudson Sedan
has been reported stolen, and further stated that telegrams had been
received from the Sheriff of Minneapolis, asking information concerning
said automobile, and as to the identity of James Rogers and companions;
that he has ascertained that on January 16, 1934, a person giving the
name of James Rogers, appeared at Vallejo, California, and purchased for
cash, from Roy Hitchcock, Plymouth Auto dealer, 925 Marin St., a 1934
Plymouth Sedan, Motor No. PE-2111, and registered said Plymouth in the
name of James Rogers, with address of the Plymouth Auto dealer, 925
Marin St., Vallejo, California, and that California 1934 license No. 54-
7662, was issued for said Plymouth Sedan; that on January 22, 1934, the
same person, giving the name of James Rogers, purchased from L. V. Monagle,
sales manager of Earl C. Anthony, Inc., Hudson dealers, 901 Van Ness Ave.,
San Francisco, Hudson Sedan, Motor No. 3500, serial No. 850174, and as
part payment turned in the said Plymouth Sedan, purchased at Vallejo, and

paid the balance of the purchase price in cash; that Rogers, to the best of purchase of the Hudson Sedan, was accompanied by a young man, about 30 years of age; that there was delay in the issuance of the pink certificate of title for the Hudson, and, and the young man, who accompanied Rogers at the time of purchase, appeared on February 3, 1934, at the Earl C. Anthony place of business, and requested that the pink certificate, when received, be forwarded to one George Minns, 2990 Clay St., San Francisco.

E. V. Monyie, Sales Manager, Earl C. Anthony, Inc., 701 Van Ness Avenue, stated that on January 22, 1934, a young man, giving the name of James Rogers, called and agreed to purchase a new 1934 Hudson "8" Sedan, Motor No. 30,300, serial No. 250174, color blue-black; paid \$10.00 down, and turned in as part payment, a practically new Plymouth Sedan, purchased on January 14, 1934, from Ray Hitchcock, Plymouth Dealer at Vallejo, Calif., on which an allowance of \$772.00 was made, and paid the balance of \$136.00 by cashier's check, in amount \$300.00, drawn on the Bank of America of Vallejo, and \$36.20 in cash; that the Plymouth Sedan was retained by the Earl C. Anthony Co. Inc.; that delivery of the Hudson "8" Sedan could not be made immediately, and Rogers requested that Monyie call telephone Sausalito 404, and inform his partner John Chase when the car was ready for delivery; that on January 26, 1934, Hudson "8" Sedan was ready for delivery, and he called telephone Sausalito 404, and informed the person answering the telephone, whom he presumed to be John Chase, that the Hudson "8" Sedan was ready for delivery; that Rogers called on January 26, 1934, and drove the Hudson "8" away, and said that he would be back in ten or twelve days and get the pink slip, and have a radio and heater installed, which radio and heater were to be removed from the Plymouth Sedan turned in by Rogers, and placed in the Hudson "8" Sedan; that on January 27, 1934, when Rogers purchased the Hudson Sedan, he was accompanied by a young man, whose name was not mentioned, about 30 years of age; dark complexion; about 5' 10" in height, and who said he had a Plymouth 1933 Coupe, and who talked of turning in the said coupe on the purchase of a new Hudson automobile, but the deal went no further than the conversation; that on January 28, 1934, when Rogers called for delivery of the Hudson "8" Sedan, he was accompanied by a young woman, who, he said, was his wife, and who looked sickly, and who Rogers said had lately undergone an operation, and Rogers was also accompanied by the same young man who was with him on January 27, at the time of the purchase of the automobile, and who parked a 1933 Plymouth Coupe, black color, in front of the office of Earl C. Anthony, Inc.; that at time of purchasing the Hudson on January 28, 1934, Rogers stated that he was only temporarily in the city, and had no permanent address, and asked him, Monyie, if he could furnish an address that could be used; that he, Monyie, gave Rogers permission to use his home address, 154 Eastwood Drive, San Francisco; that Rogers made application for a 1934 California license, and placed thereon his address as 154 Eastwood Drive, San Francisco, this for the purpose of having a place of delivery for the pink slip.

R. V. Honyale further stated that on February 28, 1934, the young man, who on two previous occasions had accompanied Rogers, again called at the Mark C. Anthony place of business, driving the Hudson "75" Sedan, and was accompanied by an old lady, about 60 years of age, and child, four or five years of age, - securities not listed, and had the radio and heater installed, which formerly were in the Plymouth Sedan owned by Rogers, and also had the car serviced and purchased acid chains, the total amount of the bill being \$12.40, which was paid in cash by the said young man; that the car registered at time of servicing, on Feb. 28, 1934, mileage of 7260 miles; that the pink certificate of title had not arrived, and the said young man gave him, Honyale, directions, when same came, to forward to 1900 Clay St., care of George Minas, which was done, and the said pink certificate was later returned undelivered, and has been turned over to the California State Motor Vehicle Division, San Francisco; that the said young man at the time of servicing, gave an address of Speer Hotel, but said he had checked out that morning; that he does not know the man giving the name of Rogers, or the man who accompanied him, and has no information concerning their identity.

Information was received from W. T. Stanford, Chief of Police, Vallejo, California, that a person giving the name of James Rogers, purchased a Plymouth Sedan from Ray Hitchcock at Vallejo on Jan. 16, 1934, paying therefor \$900.00, of which the sum of \$800.00 was in cashier's check, drawn on an Oriental Branch of the Bank of America; that on January 22, 1934, a young man giving the name of John Turney, address 20 Mary St., San Rafael, California, purchased cashier's check No. 1051036, from the Bank of America, in favor of James Rogers, in amount \$300.00, and paid for same in \$2.00 and \$10.00 Bills, and the cashier of the Bank of America at Vallejo, could identify said person, if he ever saw him again, and described him as follows:

Age:	30
Height:	About 5' 8"
Build:	Medium
Weight:	About 140 lbs.
Hair:	Dark
Complexion:	Smooth shaven; fresh rose complexion.
	Bell crooked in a gray suit.

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Ralph Kizma, 453 Kearny St., San Francisco, in the bail bond business, stated that in the early part of February, a sailor whom he had seen on prior occasions some years previous, whom he, Kizma, has a bartender called at his place of business, accompanied by a young man about 30 years of age; light complexion, about 5' 8" or 9" in height, and the said sailor, whom he only knew by the name of "Joe", asked if he, Kizma, would do him a favor, and take the young man to his bank where the young man wanted to purchase a cashier's check; that he took the said young man to the Oriental Branch of the Bank of America, where he, Kizma, keeps an account, and asked the young man what name he wanted payable on the cashier's check, and the said young man gave the name of Joe Lucas, and he made a written application for the cashier's check in his own name (Kizma's), and handed it to the young man, who handed over \$500.00 in cash, which paid for the cashier's check; that he did not particularly note the denomination of the money, but thinks that some of it was in \$50.00 and \$20.00 bills; that he does not know said young man, and has never seen him before or since; that he does not know where the sailor named "Joe" can be located, and has not seen him since.

George Kizma, 2329 Pacific Avenue, employed as a truck driver by the Southern Pacific Commissary, at the foot of Hyde St., San Francisco, stated that one Ambrose Chase, whom he has known for the past three years, and on occasions plays tennis with, met him about the middle of February, 1934, and said that a letter addressed to James Rogers would be sent to his address at 2990 Clay St., where he, Kizma, then lived, in care of him, Kizma, and when the letter came, to hand same to him, Ambrose Chase; that he moved from 2990 Clay St. on Feb. 29, 1934, and the said letter, which Ambrose Chase referred to, was not received; that he does not know anyone by the name of James Rogers, and does not know anyone by the name of John Chase.

Ambrose Chase, 323 Market St., residence 3508 Geary St., San Francisco, stated that he has been employed for the past seven years by the Levenson Hardware Company, 323 Market St., as bookkeeper; that from June to the last of November, 1933, he resided at the Bristol Hotel, 23 Hyde St., San Francisco, and during the summer of 1933, while sitting in the lobby of the hotel, a young man came in and sat near him, and engaged in conversation, and the young man said that his name was "Johnny" Rogers; that he later met the said Rogers three or four times, then he would call at his hotel, but knows nothing concerning Rogers, and he never discussed his personal affairs; that Rogers said he had no permanent address, and asked if any mail could be if he could have it delivered at Ambrose Chase's residence, to which he consented; that he did not thereafter see Rogers, and knows nothing concerning him; that he has no brother named John Chase. It was patent that Ambrose Chase was not divulging full information that he may have in this matter.

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Ambrose Chase was again interviewed, and admitted that he did have a brother named John Paul Chase, whom he says he has not seen for several months, nor heard from, nor knows anything about, and further stated that about the middle of February, 1934, he received a telephone call from Rogers asking him to hold any mail that might come in his name, that he did not know how long he would remain at his present address, 3000 Geary St., so told Rogers to have it sent in care of his friend, George Munn, 2990 Clay St., who would deliver the letter to him, Ambrose Chase; that no arrangements were made with Rogers as to when the letter was to be delivered to Rogers, and that he has not seen nor heard from Rogers since, and knows nothing concerning him.

Charles Chase, residence Corte Madera, California, employed by the Southern Pacific Commissary Department, 2001 of Hyde St., San Francisco, stated that he has a brother named John Paul Chase, to whom he has not spoken in over two years, and has no information as to his brother's coming or going, but understands that his brother, John Paul Chase, was in Sausalito in January, 1934; that John Paul Chase had a Plymouth Coupe; that he never saw him with a Hudson Auto, or heard that he had one; that he does not know anyone by the name of Rogers, or anyone answering his description.

George L. Norton, 922 Water Street, Sausalito, California, doing business as "The Oasis", Sausalito, telephone 404, stated that he has known John Chase for the past couple of years; that he, Norton, had been operating a "bootleg joint" at 830 Water St., Sausalito, and on June 25, 1933, purchased the lease on the premises at 922 Water St., with a view to operating a "bootleg joint" at that place; that the lease was taken in the name of one Frank Smith; that he placed Frank Smith and John Chase, in charge at 922 Water St.; that Frank Smith was drunk most of the time, and John Chase gave little attention to the business, and would lock up and go for a ride in his Plymouth Coupe; that during September and October, 1933, John Chase lived with him at 307 San Carlos St., Sausalito; that he Norton, personally took over the business at 922 Water St. in November, 1933, since which time he has seen little of John Chase, but did see him at Sausalito the latter part of January, 1934; that Frank Smith is still employed by him as bartender and cook, and is on shift from 3 A.M. to 2 P.M. every day; that he also employs one John Sichel as janitor, who is on shift from 7 A.M. to 5 or 6 P.M. every day; that he has no information of a telephone message from L. V. Murphy, Earl C. Anthony, Inc., to John Chase, or other person, on January 26, 1934, as he personally does not appear until 2 P.M., or later, every day; that he does not know anyone by the name of Rogers, or anyone answering the description of Rogers; that he has information that John Chase has a life insurance policy in the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, in which he stated a loan in the year 1932.

John Sichel, 922 Water St., stated that he is employed by George Norton, and comes on shift at 7:30 A.M.; that he did not answer any telephone on January 26, 1934, or other time, as he does not hear well, and did not take a message for John Chase on that date, or other time; that John Chase was in Norton's place of business the latter part of January, 1934, he cannot

fix the date, and has not seen him since; that John Chase had a 1933 Plymouth Coupe, which he has not seen around for some time; that he knows no one by the name of Rogers, and never noted anyone accompanying Chase, answering the description of Rogers.

Frank Smith, 922 Water St., Sausalito, California, stated that he has no recollection of any telephone call for John Chase on January 29, 1934; that Chase was in the habit of receiving telephone calls at "The Oasis", and he, Smith, would make note of same on a piece of paper, and hand to Chase when he came in; that it is possible that he received a message from E. V. Henly on January 28, 1934, but he has no recollection of same; that John Chase was in Sausalito the latter part of January, 1934, and he has not seen him since; that he never saw Chase with a Hudson automobile; that John Chase owned a Plymouth Coupe; that he knows no one by the name of Rogers, and never saw anyone answering the description of Rogers in the company of Chase.

J. E. Kenotte, Chief of Police, Town Hall, Sausalito, California, stated that he knew John Chase quite well; that Chase had been a "bootlegger" in San Rafael and Sausalito for some years; that in the Fall of 1933, John Chase was bootlegging at "The Oasis", 922 Water St., Sausalito; that John Chase owned a 1933 Plymouth Coupe, and he never saw him with a Hudson car; that John Chase has three brothers as follows:

Charles Chase, employed by the Southern Pacific Railway Co.;
Frank Chase, employed by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co.,
residing at 145 West St., Sausalito, telephone No. 219.
Ambrose Chase, employed by Lovesson Hardware Co., San Francisco;
that John Chase had a steady girl named "Sally", reported to reside at 648 Turney St., Sausalito, and employed on the newsstand of the Golden Gate Party; that John Chase has no criminal record, as far as known, and was never arrested at Sausalito; that he knows no one by the name of Rogers, or anyone answering the description of Rogers.

W. B. Salter, Sheriff, Marin County, San Rafael, California, stated that he knows John Chase by sight, who had the reputation of being a "bootlegger", but was never apprehended as far as he knows, and has no criminal record.

Investigation was made at No. 30 Mary St., San Rafael, California, and it was found to be an unoccupied lot; that the numbers jumped from No. 3 to No. 40 Mary St., Sausalito; that No. 40 Mary St. is occupied by a Mrs. Roberta, who operates a dairy, and who has in her employ a young man by the name of Sales Turney, and who has been employed by her for the past 15 years, and bears a good reputation.

Ross Turney, doing business as "Jack's Pool Hall, 413 Fourth St., and the Village Green Tea Room, 1437 Fourth St., San Rafael, California, stated that he and John Chase were partners in the "bootlegging" business in San Rafael and vicinity in 1931, but he has had no business relations with

him since that time, and has seen very little of him; that on occasions, in 1933, John Chase drove up to San Rafael from Sonoma in his 1933 Plymouth Coupe, with a girl named "Sally", last name unknown; that John Chase left this part of the country in the early part of December, 1933, and was gone for some weeks, and returned in the middle of January, 1934; that during his absence, John Chase did not communicate with the girl named "Sally", and she called on him to obtain Chase's address, but he could not furnish same; that in the latter part of January, 1934, Chase and "Sally" had been at his place of business at 1437 Fourth St., and stayed for about one-half hour; that he has not seen Chase since, and does not know where he may be found; that he knows no one by the name of Rogers, and knows no one answering the description of Rogers associating with Chase.

Don Wood, Chief of Police, San Anselmo, California, stated that Ross Turney and John Chase were bootlegging in San Anselmo in 1931, but he was unable to get evidence on John Chase; that John Chase was arrested on Feb. 16, 1931 for a "drunk" violation, but was not fingerprinted or photographed; that he knows no one by the name of Rogers, or anyone associating with Chase, answering the description of Rogers.

The following is a description of John Chase, furnished by Chief of Police Don Wood:

Age:	32
Height:	5' 10"
Weight:	180 lbs.
Eyes:	Dark
Hair:	Black, combed straight back.
Complexion:	Dark.
Build:	Medium
Nose:	Straight.
Parents:	Dead.

Investigation was made at the Essex Hotel, 684 Ellis St., San Francisco, and the register examined from June, 1933 to March 15, 1934, but no registration of suspect Rogers was found therein, or of John Chase.

Investigation was made at the Bristol Hotel, 155 Montgomery St., San Francisco, and it was ascertained that Ambrose Chase registered in on May 11, 1933, and checked out on Oct. 11, 1933, and left no forwarding address; that he was very quiet in his manner, and not known to have any friends; and no one was noted calling on him answering the description of Rogers; that no one by the name of James Rogers was registered at the said hotel within the past year.

C. G. Edwards, employee of Earl G. Anthony, Inc., 901 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, stated that when purchaser of Hudson "8" Sedan, giving the name of Rogers, took delivery of the car on January 24, 1934, he was accompanied by a young woman, about 25 years of age, who walked slowly, and was assisted by Rogers; that Rogers was also accompanied by young man, about 30 years of age, 5' 9" or 10" in height, weight about 160 to 170 lbs., athletic build, medium complexion; that said young man returned the car on Feb. 25, 1934, to have a radio and heater installed, and was accompanied by an old lady about 60 years of age, and a little boy about four or five years of age, whose further description was not noted; that said young man at time of taking out the car on Feb. 25, 1934, said he was going to Canada, and before returning would travel over ten thousand miles; that the said young man did not give any name, but said that he had just checked out of the Essex Hotel, San Francisco, when asked for an address.

Miss Ruth Assalena, California State Division of Motor Vehicles, Sacramento, California, stated that 1933 license 9-0-8236, for Plymouth Coupe, motor No. PG-27835, serial No. 784719, was issued to John P. Chase, address P.O. Box 412, Sausalito, California, on Dec. 19, 1932, and that William H. Klinger Company, Inc., 916 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, Calif., was the legal owner of said car, which was first bought on Dec. 15, 1932; that 1934 license No. 8-0-7891 for said car, was issued on Feb. 1, 1934, to John P. Chase, P.O. Box 412, Sausalito, California, and that William Klinger Company, Inc., was the legal owner of said car.

For information, there is attached hereto, three photostatic copies of Contract of Purchase of a Hudson "8" Sedan by James Rogers on Jan. 22, 1934, showing signature of James Rogers; also three photostatic copies of Bill of Sale for Plymouth Sedan, furnished to Earl G. Anthony, Inc., dated Jan. 24, 1934, showing signature of James Rogers.

It is requested that the San Francisco Division Office be informed whether or not said John P. Chase should be apprehended in case he appears in the San Francisco district.

Further investigation will be made with a view of identifying James Rogers.

Very truly yours,

R. R. Montgomery, Acting
Special Agent in Charge.

Dated.

AIR MAIL.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 2

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT St. Paul

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REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
San Antonio, Texas.	3-24-34	3-25-34	C. H. Davis
ALVIN KARPIS with aliases ARTHUR BARKER with aliases UNKNOWN SUBJECTS EDWARD GEORGE BREWER - VICTIM		KIDNAPING	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Coley White absent from Austin, Texas, Jack Schneider (Snyder) indicted Austin, Texas charge swindling 5-14-29. Furnished bond sum of \$1500. Bond forfeited June 3, 1929. Indictment dismissed 1-27-32. Austin Police No. 925.

REFERENCE: Report of Agent J. J. Murphy, dated San Antonio, Texas, 3-10-34.

DETAILS:

The records of the Austin Police Department reflect that Jack Snyder P.D. No. 925 was arrested by Sheriff's Department, Austin, Texas 4-21-29, charged with Forgery by passing a forged check on the Driskill Hotel at Austin, Texas for sum of \$10 turned to county; forfeited bond.

Agent communicated with residence of ex-Sheriff Coley White and was informed by Mrs. White that Mr. White was absent from Austin, Texas. Mrs. White, however, stated that when Jack Snyder's bond was forfeited at Austin, Texas that Mr. White mailed wanted notices to various places for subject and that as she remembered Jack Snyder with his wife was arrested in Chicago in the latter part of 1931 and Mr. White left Austin for Chicago to return Snyder and upon arrival at Chicago Snyder had been released and that Mr. White spent 10 days there endeavoring to locate him.

The records of the State District Clerk's office at Austin disclose that Jack Schneider (Snyder) was indicted in the State Court, Indictment #19728 on May 14, 1929, forfeited bond of \$1500 on June 3, 1929 and Indictment dismissed upon motion of the State District Attorney's office on January 27, 1932.

The records of the Austin Police Department disclose that Jack Snyder was

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arrested at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Police Department #24065, charge investigation on 12-23-32. As Jack Snyder arrested Chicago S-11-33 P. D. #C-47547 charge robbery by gun and wearing concealed weapons. Furnished bond \$5000. No further disposition shown.

E. H. Kitchka, Superintendent of the Identification Bureau, Austin, Texas, states that after Snyder forfeited his bond at Austin that he saw Snyder and his wife in a cafe here and when he approached to place Snyder under arrest they made their escape.

For the information and use of the St. Paul and Chicago offices photographs of Jack Snyder and his wife are attached.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

The Chicago Office: Will check Snyder's arrest there on S-11-33, No. C-47547, and at Milwaukee, Wisconsin on 12-23-32, Milwaukee P. D. #24065.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

March 26, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Concerning the publicity relative to the identifications in the Bremer case Mr. Rorer telephoned. He interviewed Mr. Richard S. Gilfillan, who is a copy writer for the Minneapolis Tribune. It appears that when the telegraphic flash of the arrests in Oklahoma City was received by the Tribune, Mr. Shipley, apparently Gilfillan's superior, called him into the office where Gilfillan saw the notice of the arrests. Shipley inquired if Gilfillan knew anyone in Tulsa whom they might telephone to get the details and Gilfillan stated that he had a few days before been in Washington at a newspaper guild meeting and had met Mr. Burke, of Tulsa. He was instructed to communicate with Burke. Gilfillan first called his wife to get Burke's first name and ~~Shipley~~ telephoned Burke and received the information that appeared in the Minneapolis paper from Burke. Gilfillan stated that if he were making the investigation relative to the leak he would question the newspaper men in Tulsa. This information was telephoned to Mr. Brantley and he was told to make thorough inquiries and bring this matter to a logical conclusion promptly.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg

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Mr. EDWARDS
Mr. GOAN
Mr. QUINN
Mr. LESTER
Miss CLERK
Mr. RORER

March 15, 1934.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

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In that connection, please be advised that some of investigation office has been informed that the Twin Cities underworld have recently been using the Elgin Hotel as a headquarters. 23 1934 P.M.

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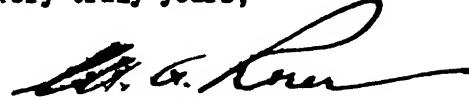
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Because of the unsettled political conditions in the Twin Cities, the informant has been handicapped in securing information. It is believed that he should be given at least another week before dismissing him. He was given \$10.00 by Special Agent [redacted]

Very truly yours,


W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 515,
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March 19, 1934. *Chp*

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice, MAR 29 1934
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: *RECORDED*
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Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file No. 7-50.

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Thomas Dahill, Chief of Police, St. Paul, at the Division office on March 16, 1934, advised that he had been in Washington and had been furnished the information that [REDACTED]

Thomas Dahill stated that from the description given him, he was convinced that it was Tom Brown, former Chief of Police and present member of the kidnap squad. Thomas Dahill furnished a photograph of Tom Brown and requested that the photograph be displayed in order to determine whether it can be identified as a likeness of the officer [REDACTED]

Unless otherwise instructed by the Division, after the photograph has been shown to the informant and he can not identify same, Mr. Dahill will be informed that this office has been unable to make a contact with the informant; and he will be likewise told in the event the photograph is identified. It occurs to me that the usefulness of our informant might be jeopardized in the event Mr. Dahill is given any further information regarding this matter. It also appears that in the event Mr. Dahill desires to use this information as a basis for dismissing Mr. Brown, he would not be successful inasmuch as the informant's information [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] In any event, Mr. Dahill has been on the St. Paul Police Department long enough to reach a decision, without the assistance of this Division, as to whether or not Mr. Brown is a trustworthy officer.

Very truly yours,


W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

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Washington, D. C.

March 21, 1934

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

MR. NATHAN
MR. TOLSON
MR. CLEGG
MR. COWLEY
MR. EDWARD
MR. FOAH
MR. QUINN
MR. LEONARD
MR. LOCKETT
MR. RORER
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I called Mr. Rorer about the attached letter dated March 19, 1934, concerning the Bremer case, and informed him of the inconsistencies appearing in the abstract slip and in the body of the letter about exhibiting the photograph of Tom Brown to informant [REDACTED]

Mr. Rorer stated that Special Agent Hall, who dictated the letter, dictated at the same time another letter showing that [REDACTED] had been interviewed. Agent Hall thought it preferable to prepare two letters rather than one, and evidently the abstract slips of the second letter had been attached to the first letter.

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Mr. Rorer advised that the second letter should have been in the same mail with the first and the abstract slips should be exchanged.

Respectfully,

H. H. Clegg.

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.
MARCH 27, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box No. 4807,
Jacksonville, Florida.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
I. O. 1212
ARTHUR E. KARKER, with aliases,
I. O. 1212
EDWARD GEORGE BREWER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

In connection with efforts to locate Paula Harmon, alias Paula Brannon, alias Mrs. C. P. Harmon, and other aliases, who was a known associate of the Karpis-Karker gang, investigation was made by this office of the arrest by the Sheriff at Council Bluffs, Iowa, during February, 1926, of Mrs. C. P. Harmon together with Leota Graham, Charles P. Harmon (Paula's husband, now deceased) and James Ira Harmon.

Leota Graham, above named, was known to be an associate and friend of Paula Harmon. In an endeavor to locate Leota Graham investigation was made by this office at Ralston, Nebraska, where it was found that, about two years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graham, the parents of Leota Graham, moved to 209 South 24th Street, Omaha, Nebraska, there operating a rooming house, and later moving to Crestview, Florida.

Postmaster at Ralston advised that on February 28, 1934 a registered package, register No. 8796, had been sent by William Graham of Hammond, Indiana to his father, Charles Graham, at Ralston, Nebraska, this package being forwarded to Mr. Graham at Crestview, Florida. The Postmaster stated that from conversations he had heard, he understood Leota Graham was also living at Crestview, Florida.

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Mrs. Charles Rotherman, Ralston, Nebraska, advised that Leota

Graham, operating tourist camp about three quarters of a mile east of Crestview, Florida, having been at that point for the past two years.

A photostatic copy of a photograph of Leota Graham together with her fingerprints are being transmitted herewith, as well as a photostatic copy of photograph and fingerprints of Paula Harmon. The attached photograph of Paula Harmon, which was taken by the Sheriff's Office at Council Bluffs, Iowa in 1926, is not a very good present likeness of her, as her nose has since been broken in an accident. In the event your investigation tends to indicate Paula Harmon's presence in your District, it is suggested

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that you request the St. Paul Office to furnish a more recent photograph of Paula Harmon.

It is requested that your office endeavor to locate Leota Graham, alias Mrs. Claude Vogel, near Crestview, Florida, in an endeavor to ascertain through her the present whereabouts of Paula Harmon.

When the attached photostatic copies of photographs and fingerprints of Paula Harmon and Leota Graham have served their purpose to the Jacksonville Office they should be returned to the Kansas City Office.

With the copies of this letter designated for the St. Paul Office there is attached a newspaper clipping from the World-Herald, Omaha, Nebraska, for February 27, 1928 relative to the return of Paula Harmon and her associates to Council Bluffs, Iowa from Rock Island, Illinois at that time in connection with the arrests, which are mentioned in letter written over the signature of Special Agent J. L. Flood to the Chicago Office in this connection under date of March 1, 1924.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR
ACTING SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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cc - St. Paul
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Chicago
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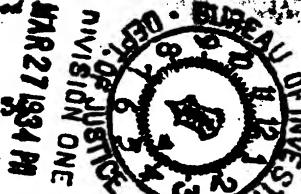
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BREKID PIERCE ARROW SEDAN INDIANA LICENSE SIX NINE ONE EIGHT REGISTERED MAX NOVELLE HAMMOND INDIANA MOTOR A FIVE MAUHT SEVENTEEN LEFT RENO WEDNESDAY FOR CALIFORNIA GAVE ADDRESS CARE FANCHON MARCO HOLLYWOOD DISCREETLY ASCERTAIN IDENTITY OWNER AND OCCUPATNS THIS MACHINE

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March 22, 1934.

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RENO, NEVADA.

BREKID NINETEEN THIRTY THREE TWELVE CYLINDER AUBURN SEDAN BLUE BODY WITH HOOD GREY ON TOP AND GREY CANVAS TOP SIX WIRE WHEELS. MOTOR B3 FIFTEEN TWO SEVEN. PURCHASED SAN FRANCISCO OCTOBER NINTH LAST YEAR BY WILLIAM B. LOHMAN. VOLNEY DAVIS POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED AS ONE OF PURCHASERS ARTHUR BARKER BELIEVED TO BE ANOTHER.

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Charge: GOVT RATE.
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F. X. FAY
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
370 LEXINGTON AVENUE, ROOM 1403
NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS RCV FRISCH KIDNAPPING ASCERTAIN SUBSTANCE TESTIMONY
EXPECTED FROM FRISCH REGARDING GRAHAM AND MCKAY CASE ALSO HOW IMPORTANT
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NEW YORK CITY AND DATE.

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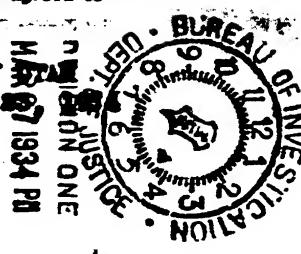
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San Francisco, California. March 21, 1934.

J. E. P. DURE
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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

BRIEFLY OBTAIN FROM AUBURN CALIFORNIA COMPANY THREE FOUR FOUR THREE WILSHIRE
BOULEVARD ALL INFORMATION CONCERNING SALE OF AUBURN SEDAN MOTOR 88 FIFTEEN
Oct. 19, 1933
TWO SEVEN TO WILLIAM B. LOHMAN THIS CITY FOR WHICH DODGE SEDAN MOTOR DP
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AND WHAT BANK DEPOSITED IN.

✓ C.C. Division

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316 Howes Building.

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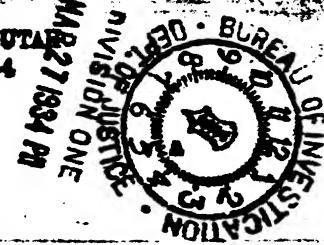
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U. A. ROWER
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CC: DIVISION

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases, et al
Edward G. Bremer, Victim
Kidnapping

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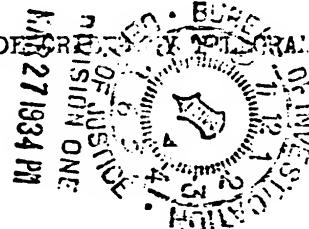
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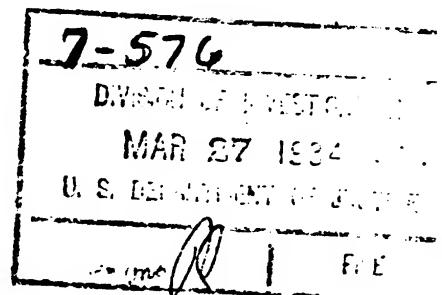
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U. S. Department of Justice,
617 Federal Building,
Los Angeles, California.

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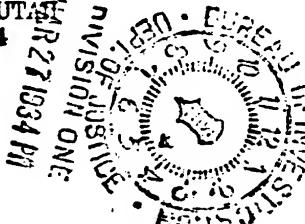
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W. A. RORER, INSPECTOR
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ERKID GENE RENO REQUESTS YOU SEND HIM AIRMAIL DETAILED DESCRIPTIONS OF SUBJECTS AND THEIR KNOWN FEMININE ACQUAINTANCES.

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MARCH 22, 1934.

R. E. VETTERLI
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION
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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

BRKWD HAVE YOU OFFICED SACRAMENTO FOR POSSIBLE ISSUANCE CURRENTLY LIST
AUGUST 1933 DESCRIBED YOUR WIRE TWENTY FIRST INSTANT BEING CAR
YEAR 21 SAN FRANCISCO BY LOHMAN STOP ADVISE

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735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building
Philadelphia, Pa.

March 27, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Hurley-Wright Building,
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, & al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREWER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to telephone conversation today between Special Agent R. B. Burress and myself concerning telephone calls emanating from Emerson 6062 Washington, D. C. to Dering 2292, Philadelphia.

J. F. Devine, Special Agent, Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania, advised me that Dering 2292 is a private telephone 34 A.M. listed in the name of Mrs. Ida N. Fleming, 441 Baltimore Avenue, which residence is located in a fairly good residential section of Philadelphia.

Special Agents J. P. McDevitt and A. Schroeder interviewed Benjamin Lee, 216 Hobart Street, mail carrier serving the Fleming address, who advised that he has been serving mail at that residence for the last nine years, and that Mrs. Fleming and her husband reside there. Mr. Fleming, whose first name is unknown, is approximately sixty years of age and is very feeble, being afflicted with diabetes. Mrs. Fleming is approximately fifty-five years of age, and is a quiet, respectable woman. In addition to Mr. and Mrs. Fleming, there occasionally visits there one of their two daughters (name unknown) who apparently resides somewhere in Philadelphia. The eldest daughter of the Flemings recently married William A. Gray, prominent Philadelphia criminal attorney with offices located in the Girard Trust Building, Philadelphia. Gray is quite a prominent figure at the criminal Bar at Philadelphia, and has practiced there for the last thirty-five or forty years.

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The Flemings at one time actively operated a saloon at 40th and Market Streets in Philadelphia, and investigations reflect they probably still own those premises but are not actively engaged in the operation of the saloon which is located there. As far as is known, the saloon has a fairly good reputation, and one George Hobbs (deceased), brother of Mrs. Fleming, formerly tended bar at that place.

Lee advised that to his recollection the mail received by the Flemings is of nondescript nature, and that no out-of-town mail, to his recollection, has been delivered to that address during the past year. Lee was particularly sure that no mail had come there from Washington, D. C., and that the Flemings live an ordinary home life, and that there is no indication of unusual activity in the Fleming household.

In addition to this, Lee advised that there is a white lady, who seemingly does housework for the Flemings, apparently not being employed there steadily but only spasmodically, whose name and address he does not know.

No further information could be obtained relative to the Flemings. However, it is suggested that Special Agent [redacted], of the Bell Telephone Company, Washington, D. C., be contacted for the purpose of ascertaining whether the call from Emerson 5037 to Faring 2292 was a person-to-person call. In the event that the records of the telephone company reflect that such was a person-to-person call, the name of the party.

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should appear on the telephone company's records, and, if requested, further investigation will be conducted by this office relative to this telephone call.

The foregoing information was communicated telephonically to Special Agent R. B. Burrous today by Special Agent A. Schroeder.

Very truly yours,

R. C. HARVEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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March 27, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-30.

Reference is made to your recent teletype message requesting that the fingerprint classifications of James Wilson and William Jones be furnished the Division. Please be advised that it has been ascertained from Mr. John Tierney, Identification Division, St. Paul Police Department, that James Wilson bears St. Paul Police No. 24156, fingerprint classification 9 U 10 14, and that William Jones bears St. Paul Police Department No. 23003, fingerprint classification amp. 1 Aaaa 3.
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With reference to the letter from the St. Paul Division office dated March 3, 1934, which contained a list of individuals whose fingerprints it was deemed advisable to have checked against the latent prints in this case, will you please advise whether the fingerprints of these individuals have been permanently entered in the fingerprint file or whether they are merely being compared with the latent fingerprints obtained in this case.

Very truly yours,

W. A. Rorer
W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

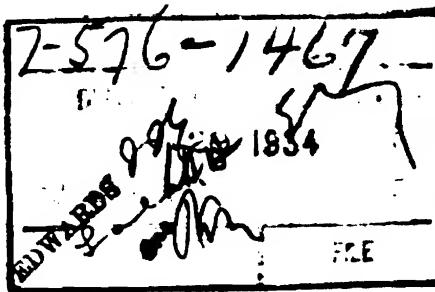
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P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 27, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul file 7-50.

Reference is made to Division letter dated March 19, 1934, requesting that Victim EDWARD GEORGE BREMER be re-interviewed in an effort to ascertain the direction in which train and automobile traffic traveled in relation to the hideout at which he was held. Please be advised that on March 24, 1934, Victim Bremer was re-interviewed by Special Agent D. L. Nicholson.

Upon examining the photostatic copy of the map which was furnished with the Division's letter, he advised that the railroad track and highway as set out on this map are in error, although this map had previously been approved by him. He stated that the railroad should be on the lower left-hand corner of the map (instead of on the lower right-hand corner of the map), and that the highway should also be on the same corner, running either parallel with the railroad track or parallel with the window at which he sat. He advised that he has no recollection and no means of knowing as to whether this house fronted on a lake or river; and that he has no recollection as to the direction of the morning train traffic which passed in the vicinity of the house, and that the evening train traffic traveled in a direction from the bottom of the page diagonally across the left-hand corner; that the morning highway traffic appeared to be going in the same general direction as the evening train traffic, that is, starting at the bottom of the page and going diagonally across the left-hand corner; or if the highway ran parallel to the window of his room, the morning highway traffic ran from the bottom to the top of the page, the evening highway traffic running in the opposite direction.

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The railroad tracks and highway as now indicated by Bremer have been inserted on the photostatic copy of the map furnished by the Division and is being returned to the Division with this letter. 1934 A.M.

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Mr. Bremer further stated that upon arriving at the hideout on the day of his abduction, it is his recollection that a turn was made to the right, off the highway, when approaching the hideout; that on the day he departed from the hideout, after walking up the basement stairs, he made two turns to the right before entering the car, but stated that he has no recollection of the car itself making any turns prior to entering the highway and that it appeared to him that after entering the car, the car started and proceeded straight ahead, making no noticeable turn.

Very truly yours,



W. A. RORER,
Inspector.

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Hide-out chart



Hideout Of

Does this house front on

bed in which victim always slept

door with wire clothes hangers
in inside

electric light with drop cord

window boarded on inside

one piece curtain

rocking chair

straight back chair

rug covers this room

highway
rop cord to light

bedroom location of door unknown

range cook-burning heating
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Victim's
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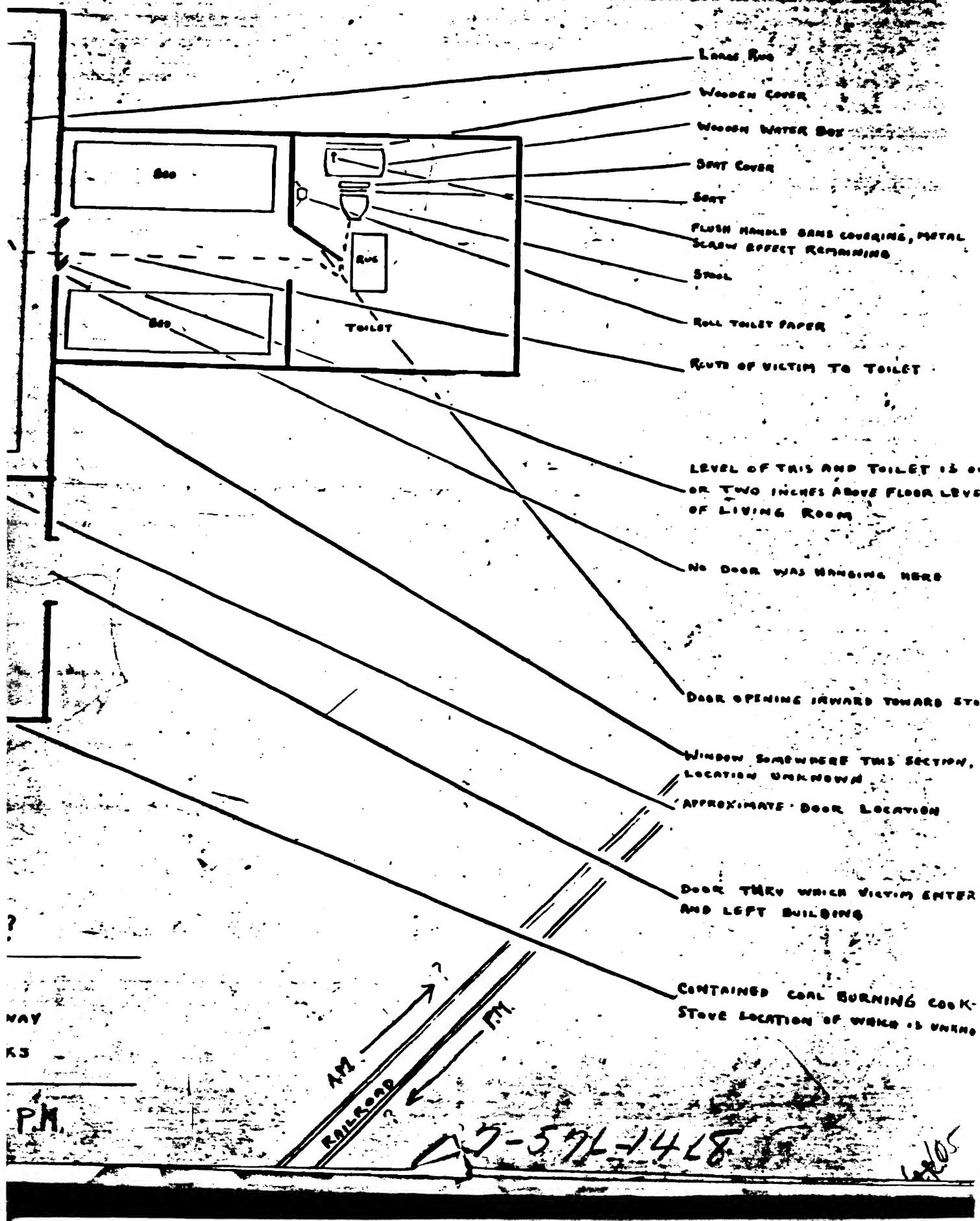
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BUT ONLY HALF DISTANCE AWAY AS RAILROAD

G. DREMER



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April 4, 1934

Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREWER - victim
Kidnapping

Dear Sir:

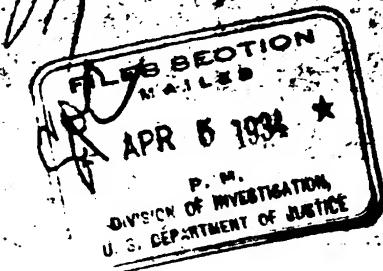
Reference is made to Division letter dated March 19, 1934, and your reply thereto dated March 27, 1934, relative to a re-interview with victim Edward George Bremer, for the purpose of ascertaining the flow of train and automobile traffic in relation to the hideout where Bremer was held.

It is noted from your reply that the re-interview was conducted by Special Agent D. L. Nicholson, and that the results of this interview materially changed the diagram originally prepared by you based upon the information furnished by Mr. Bremer. The Division is of the opinion that all interviews with Mr. Bremer relative to matters of importance should be conducted by you, personally, so that all the information in the possession of Mr. Bremer can be thoroughly developed to the advantage of the Division.

It is suggested that this procedure be followed hereafter, and that you conduct all interviews with Mr. Bremer.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
1900 BANKERS BUILDING
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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March 27, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases
I.O.1218
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases
I.O.1219, et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING.

I am transmitting herewith three negatives of photographs taken on May 29, 1933, of Mrs. EDWARD W. BENTZ. These photographs of Mrs. Bentz were taken while she was living in the Sheldrake Hotel with Edward Bentz, during the summer of 1933, and it is believed that they are the most recent photographs of this person.

It is suggested that a sufficient number of same be developed from the negatives to furnish ten copies each to the Chicago, St. Paul, Kansas City, Portland and San Francisco offices, and that five copies of each be furnished to the St. Louis and Oklahoma City offices. It is requested that when these negatives have served their purpose they be returned to this office, in order that we may return them to the photographer from whom they were obtained. It is suggested that this matter be given the earliest possible attention.

Very truly yours,

Jay C. Newman
JAY C. NEWMAN,

Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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April 6, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers' Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
I. O. 1218;
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases,
I. O. 1219; ET AL
EDWARD GEORGE BREWER, Victim,
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

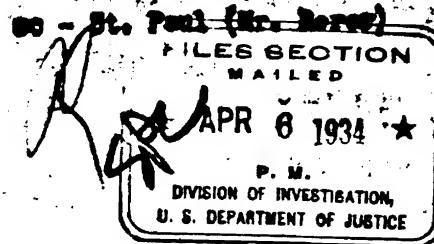
In accordance with the request contained in
your letter dated March 27, 1934, there are returned
herewith the three negatives furnished the Division for
the purpose of having copies of the photograph of Mrs.
Edward W. Bentz made and distributed to the field offices
of the Division.

Please be advised that copies of this
photograph have been distributed to all field offices,
with other photographs, by Division letter dated April 3,
1934.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Incl. #62544



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Cities been in possession of this information ten days prior to its publication, that several occasions had been presented which would have afforded an opportunity for publication. He stated that when the story broke concerning investigation in the vicinity of Davenport, Iowa, in connection with an extortion letter which had been written to Adolph Bremer, that if anyone in the Twin Cities had had the data concerning the identification, that there would have been an excellent opportunity for publication, particularly since local peace officers in the vicinity of Davenport had furnished full details to the press concerning the particular extortion note which was then being investigated.

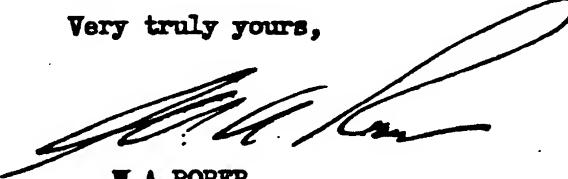
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Mr. Gilfillan stated that in view of the fact that the information reached the press simultaneously with the raid in Oklahoma that it is inconceivable to him that the information should have arisen anywhere other than Oklahoma and in connection with the raid.

He stated, however, that should he have had this information before that he would so state that he had it but would refuse to disclose his source upon confidential grounds and since he had not heard of the story before he would so truthfully state.

Mr. Gilfillan stated that were he investigating to determine the source of this story, he would make an investigation regarding the raid in Oklahoma and also among the newspaper men at Tulsa, who first reported the raid as it would seem to him that the raid and story were co-incident.

Very truly yours,


W.A. RORER,
Inspector.

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SUITE L - FEDERAL BUILDING
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.
MARCH 27, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,
I. O. 1218
ARTHUR R. BARKER, with aliases,
I. O. 1219
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Kindly refer to Division letter dated March 13, 1934 addressed to the Detroit Office in connection with the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al., EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM, KIDNAPING, with which was enclosed copy of the criminal record of one W. D. Pettyjohn, Division No. 222725.

In reply to a communication from this office, Mr. J. M. Anders, Warden of the State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri, has advised that the above named individual as W. D. Pettyjohn, their No. 43800, is still incarcerated at that institution, serving a term of five years for a crime of obtaining money by fraudulent checks in Jefferson County, Missouri; it being further stated that this individual will be due for discharge from the Missouri State Penitentiary on June 13, 1936.

Very truly yours,

M. C. Spear

M. C. SPEAR
ACTING SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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March 28, 1934.

Mr. V. J. Roror, Inspector,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
203 Post Office Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Supplementing my teletypewriter message of March 27, 1934,
I am enclosing copies of the criminal records with duplicate copies
of the photographs appearing in the files of the Identification Unit
in the cases of the following persons:

ALONZO BRISCOE alias Frank Dwyer
JOHN McATTIE
J. R. BRACKEN
ED BRODIE
MORTY CHAPMAN
ALVIN KARPIS
FRED RABY

There is attached copy of the criminal record appearing as
to CHARLES KOTLER. In this instance no photograph is available.

Based upon the information submitted by Mr. Carr, Assistant
Inspector of the St. Paul Police Department, the Division has not been
able to identify records of the following persons, requested in his
recent communication:

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It should be understood that the Division is not certain that
all of the records are "positive" identifications, since only the names
were furnished for the Division's use in searching its files in these
cases.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FILE NO. 7-39

REPORT MADE AT:	DATE WHEN MADE:	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE:	REPORT MADE BY:
Pittsburgh, Pa.	3-28-34	3-24-34	E. A. Bangert
TITLE:		CHARACTER OF CRIME:	
ALVIN KARPIS with aliases ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.		KIDNAPING	
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:			
<p>CC</p> <p>INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE DIVISION ONE MAR 29 1934 PM</p> <p>Gempf removed to Northern District of West Virginia from Jacksonville, Florida. 3-12-34, furnished information to the effect that if given an opportunity to visit the Northeastern Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pa., and confer with Elmer Boucher, an inmate of this institution, that he will be able to secure from Boucher the name of a participant in the Bremer kidnaping case.</p>			
REFERENCE:			
Division letter dated March 21, 1934.			
DETAILS:			
<p>The Division letter of reference advised that William Phillip Gempf, subject of National Motor Vehicle Theft Act case under that title, who is presently being held in the County Jail at Wheeling, West Virginia, awaiting trial upon the charge of violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, had on March 11, 1934, corresponded with Assistant Attorney General Keenan, at Washington, D.C., advising:</p> <p>Within thirty-six hours after you have seen me, I will give you information which will cause the arrest of one of the Bremer Kidnappers. I am asking nothing whatever of you until I do produce this man. I merely ask that my trial be postponed until such time</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED:	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	7-576-1473	RECORDED AND INDEXED
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as that matter would be cleared up. Will you please advise at once as I do not care to deal with the local department but with your office. I have been advised by the Deputy Marshal to deal with you if possible in this matter.

AT WHEELING, W. VA.

Records at the office of the United States Marshal at Wheeling, W. Va., disclose that Subject Gempp was removed to the Northern District of West Virginia from Jacksonville, Florida, March 12, 1934.

Gempp was interviewed in the Ohio County Jail at Wheeling relative to the information set forth in the letter of reference, concerning information in his, Gempp's, possession pertaining to the Bremer kidnaping matter, and where he is awaiting disposition of his trial upon the charge of violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act at the June, 1934, Term of Federal Court at Elkins, W. Va., there being a possibility the case may be disposed of at the coming May, 1934, Term of Court at Wheeling, W. Va.

Gempp stated that he entered the Northeastern Penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pa., on April 8, 1933, after being sentenced at Pittsburgh, Pa., to serve a term of one year and one day for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act and was, subsequently, assigned to kitchen work in this institution. At a later date he was placed in charge of all the iceboxes in the penitentiary, having full control of the milk, eggs and butter. He stated that a number of the prisoners depended upon him to give them extra milk and in this manner he met a person, then confined in the institution, by the name of Elmer Boucher, Penitentiary Number 936, said Boucher having been sentenced to the institution for some mail offense from Chicago. Boucher was a clerk in the penitentiary in charge of the store-room. Boucher later told Gempp to look out for and take care of a friend of his by the name of Jack Kusick or Jack Knieick, Gempp not knowing the correct spelling of this name. He, Gempp, stated that Kusick was formerly connected with the Al Capone gang in Chicago and was sentenced from Chicago for a term of five years for Income Evasion. Gempp stated that he favored Kusick from time to time in giving him milk and eggs; that when he, Gempp, was to be discharged from the institution, Elmer Boucher told him that his time was about up and that he, Boucher, was going to put Gempp in with the right "guys" when he got out. Gempp asked Boucher what he meant by the "right guys", and Boucher said he would put him in with "guys" who controlled the dope ring in the States of New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland and West Virginia. Gempp informed him that he did not desire to get mixed up with dope and Boucher stated that he was foolish; that the leader of the dope ring was one of the Bremer kidnapers whom he, Boucher, was going to send Gempp to after his release from the institution. Gempp stated that he never secured the name of the alleged leader of the dope ring who was also said to be in on the Bremer kidnaping, as he did not press Boucher for this name.

Gempp also stated that he overheard a conversation in the yard of the penitentiary shortly after the Bremer kidnaping, wherein the name of "Doc Barker" was mentioned as one of the kidnapers; he further stated that Elmer Boucher had told him approximately ten days before the Bremer kidnaping that there was going to be another kidnaping in the Mid-West and a quarter of a million dollars would be demanded by the kidnapers.

Gempp comes forth with the proposition that if he is taken from the Wheeling Jail by Department of Justice Agents on a visit to the Northeastern Penitentiary at Wheeling, Pa., and given an opportunity to confer with Elmer Boucher for a few minutes that he, Gempp, will be able to secure the name and identity of the person who participated in the Bremer kidnaping. Gempp stated that he did not desire to be taken to this institution by a Deputy United States Marshal, as he would not trust a Marshal in this matter; further, that he did not desire to be sent to the institution as a prisoner, he did not state the reason why he did not desire to be sent as a prisoner but appeared to indicate that apparently he is in trouble some way with some of the inmates now confined in the institution. He further stated that Deputy Warden Hunter, at the Northeastern Penitentiary, is not to be trusted and that he, Hunter, extends many favors to Benny Fields, Jack Kusick and Sam Beard whom he, Gempp, states "run" the institution.

The setting out of Undeveloped Leads to the Philadelphia Division Office is being left to the discretion of the Division.

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March 30, 1934

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Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sirs:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al,
EDWARD GEORGE BREWER, Victim, KIDNAPING

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent E. A. Bengert, dated at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, March 28, 1934, reflecting the results of an interview with one William Phillip Gepp, with reference to the above entitled case; wherein it is noted that if he, Gepp, were permitted to return to Northeastern Penitentiary and confer with Elmer Boucher, Penitentiary #936, he would possibly obtain the name of one of the kidnapers of Bruno.

There are transmitted herewith copies of the abstract of criminal record, as reflected by the files of the Identification Unit of the Division, of Elmer Boucher, #936, United States Northeastern Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

You are instructed to have an Agent interview Boucher at the earliest practicable date concerning the statements alleged to have been made by him to Gepp, as reflected in the report above referred to.

★ MAR 30 1934 ★

F. B. I.
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION,
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure 661572.

CC Pittsburgh
Mr. Horner, St. Paul.

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 22, 1934.

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✓	Mr. Nathan
	Mr. Tolson
✓	Mr. Clegg
	Mr. Conley
	Mr. Edwards
	Mr. Egan
	Mr. Quinn

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

In the absence of instructions as to whether you consider it advisable to prepare a suggested release for the Attorney General to include the names of only Arthur R. Barker and Alvin Karpis, who have been definitely connected with the Edward G. Bremer Kidnapping case or whether you desire to include the names of all five suspects, there have been prepared and are attached hereto ~~one~~ ^{two} ~~memoranda~~ ^{memoranda} to be used as inclosures with the memorandum addressed to the Attorney General.

Instructions are being issued that the Identification Orders in connection with this matter should indicate that the subjects are wanted for questioning in regard to the Bremer Kidnapping.

Respectfully,

H. W. Clegg.

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1900 Bankers Building
Chicago Illinois

March 24, 1934

Mr. W. A. Barker
Inspector
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 615
St. Paul, Minnesota

ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, to be identified
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD GEORGE

ONDEALER - Victim
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent A. D. Gore, Salt Lake City, 4/22/34, on page 8 of which it is noted that the signatures of several parties belonging to the Karpis-Barker gang were secured.

Reference is now made to the report of Special Agent O. G. Hall, St. Paul, Minnesota, 3/22/34, on page 2 of which it is noted that the signatures of C. E. Moore, E. L. Burns and J. H. Lockwood have been secured and are now on file in the St. Paul office.

It is suggested that the signatures now in the possession of the Salt Lake City office be secured and compared with those in the possession of the St. Paul office and also be compared with any other handwriting specimens of the members of the Karpis-Barker gang. If this proves significant, it is advised that photostatic copies of the signatures of members of the Karpis-Barker gang be supplied to each interested office.

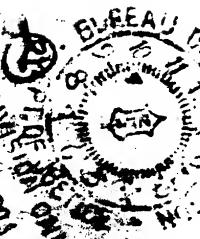
Very truly yours,

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Salt Lake City
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L. H. Powers	
Special Agent in Charge, INVESTIGATION	
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<i>[Signature]</i>	

Post Office Box 818,
St. Paul, Minn.



March 22, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
605-a U. S. Court House & P. O. Bldg.,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases
et al. EDWARD GOREY,
Victim. KIDNAPING.
St. Paul File P-30

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your wire of the 21st inst., reflecting investigation indicating that the BARKERS brothers and KARPIS and DAVIS have been in and out of Reno, Nevada during the past four months. During our telephone conversation, Agent Gino advised me that Special Agent Gere had completed the investigation at Reno and probably had left there. In accordance with telephonic instructions, you should immediately return Agent Gere to Reno for further exhausted investigation. It is believed that due to investigative disclosures of so great importance, as indicated in your wire, an Agent should remain at Reno indefinitely. In view of the fact that no previous investigation had been made by this Division in Reno, it is very probable that the BARKERS and KARPIS may return there. All possible efforts should be made to ascertain whether any of the ransom money has been, or is being, disposed of at Reno and the Division and this office should be promptly advised of all developments.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SORER, Inspector.

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Suite L -
Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri.
Attention:
Mr. Eckholdt.
March 24, 1934.

Mr. Fred G. Zerbst, Warden,
United States Penitentiary,
Leavenworth, Kansas.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al
Edward George Bremer - Victim
Kidnapping

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of letter written over the signature of your Secretary, Mr. E. H. Eckholdt, under date of March 23, 1934, with which was transmitted photostatic copies of a letter and the envelope in which it was received at the penitentiary, addressed to convict Lloyd Barker. I have immediately sent these photostatic copies to our Division at Washington, D.C., in order that they may be promptly examined in our laboratory to ascertain if they are of any value to us in any cases which we have under investigation. I have asked Special Agent H. E. Anderson, who is calling at the penitentiary on March 24th, to request that this letter be not delivered to Barker until noon or thereafter Monday March 26th. This request is made as in the event the letter is found of any value from examination at our laboratory in Washington, D.C., it may become necessary to have the original letter sent to Washington for further examination, and it is realized that after the letter is delivered to Barker, he may destroy the same.

Assuring you that your cooperation in closely watching the incoming and outgoing mail of Lloyd Barker is very greatly appreciated, I am

Very truly yours,

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DIVISION ONE
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St. Paul, Minnesota
March 22, 1934

MEMORANDUM:

Re: BREKID.

St. Paul file 7-30.

As requested by Special Agent O. G. Hall, I interviewed MR. H. McKAY at his home at 1748 St. Anthony Avenue, St. Paul.

MR. McKAY advised that he has previously interviewed Special Agent R. C. Coulter of this office concerning JOHN DILLINGER, whom he believes he has seen at various times in the vicinity of his home.

He further stated that he wished to advise at this time that he "feels in his blood" that he saw Subject "DOC" BARKER at the corner of Snelling and University Avenue approximately ten days ago. It may be noted, however, that MR. McKAY'S description of the man he saw on this occasion would not at all correspond to the description of Subject "DOC" BARKER.

MR. McKAY advised that he feels that he has a natural ability in the apprehension of known fugitives, and he will undoubtedly in the future contact this office concerning various experiences concerning himself and known criminals.

T. J. DODD,
Special Agent.

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P. O. Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

March 24, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
1900 Bankers Building,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al.
EDWARD GEORGE BREWER - Victim.
KIDNAPING. St. Paul File 7-30.

From information gathered by this office to date, it is reasonable to assume that the Barker-Karpis gang was residing in apartments located at 1880 and 1990 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota, for a short period during February and March, 1934. The gang was tipped off in some manner and made their departure very hurriedly, leaving behind various articles of clothing and other things, which were removed from apartment No. 102, 1880 Grand Avenue, by the St. Paul Police on the morning of March 4, 1934, the gang having made their get-away during the night of March 3, 1934, or early morning of March 4th.

The clothing and other articles have been turned over to this office by Inspector Tierney of the St. Paul Police Department. Careful examination has been made of the articles, among which has been located a gray shirt, size 14½, having laundry marks "D.A." and "751". The label in the shirt reads as follows: "Broadway Toggery for Dad and Lad, Melrose Park, Illinois."

It is respectfully requested that you have an agent contact the Broadway Toggery, exhibiting photographs of suspects in this case to the employees for possible identification with a view to obtaining any and all information which might point to Melrose Park, Illinois, or vicinity as a possible hideout for the Barker-Karpis gang.

Very truly yours,

W. A. BREWER,
Inspector.

W. A. BREWER
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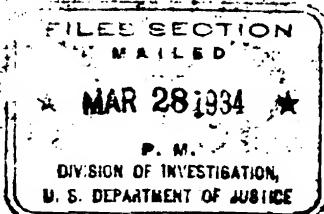
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March 28, 1954.

Mr. W. A. Rorer,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Post Office Box 515,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

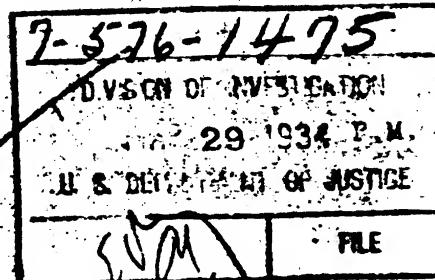
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Division letter of March 13, 1934, requesting that you indicate which, if any, of the eighty names submitted by the St. Paul, Minnesota, Police Department as possible suspects in the case entitled Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al., Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Kidnapping, are such outstanding criminals as to warrant permanent entry of their fingerprints in the single fingerprint file of kidnapers, extortionists, and outstanding gangsters which is maintained in the Division. No response to the Division inquiry has been received.



Very truly yours,

Director.



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New Orleans, La.
March 27, 1934.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION



MEMORANDUM FOR SPECIAL AGENTS:

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Obj.

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, et al.
Richard George Kramer, Victim.
Kidnapping.

Listed below you will find information pertaining to automobiles which it is believed have been used in various localities by members of the Barker-Karpis gang and the location of which will in all probability prove of value in leading to the apprehension of the members of this gang since it is reasonable to assume that several of the cars may still be in their possession and registered in some state under one of the numerous aliases known to have been used by them.

Car #1: AUBURN SEDAN, MOTOR #2B-1527.

This car is a 1933, 12 cylinder Auburn Sedan, blue body with gray hood and canvas top, six wire wheels, was purchased at San Francisco, California, October 9, 1933, by one William B. Lehman. The car was registered for 1933 in California under No. 7-H-5762 in the name of William B. Lehman, William Taylor Hotel, San Francisco, California. Volney Davis has been positively identified as one of the purchasers of this car and Arthur Barker is believed to be another purchaser. This car is reported as having been seen in the possession of Alvin Karpis at Reno, Nevada, about three weeks ago.

Car #2: BUICK SEDAN, MOTOR NO. 2,707,868.

This car was purchased at Reno, Nevada, on January 11, 1933, by R. E. Davis, who has been identified as Fred Barker, with aliases of E. C. Blackburn, J. L. Blackburn, and T. C. Blackburn. This car was paid for with new \$500 bills and was licensed in Nevada for 1933 under number 1488.

Car #3: BUICK SEDAN, MOTOR NO. 2,659,090.

Bearing Ohio license 23783, was taken into California, November 17, 1933, from Reno, Nevada, by Fred Barker, who was then using the alias of T. C. Blackburn and gave as his address General Delivery, Los Angeles, California. The car returned to Reno, Nevada, November 27, 1933.

Car #4: FORD V8, MOTOR NO. 1,849,308.

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Bearing Ohio 1933 license No. C-25773, entered California on November 18, 1933, from Reno, Nevada, and the car was registered under the name of T. C. Blackburn, 4214 North Lockwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio. California permit No. 224923 was obtained at this time. George L. Martin, who has been partially identified as being Harry Campbell, was residing in Reno, Nevada, from October 8 to December 20, 1933, and was seen driving this particular car.

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Car #6: PONTIAC SEDAN, MOTOR NO. 885180,

Was purchased at Reno, Nevada, with new \$500 bills by one H. J. Harvey, who has been partially identified as Arthur Barker. Nevada license number 1888, was issued covering this car on January 9, 1933.

Car #6: FORD V8 DE LUXE COUPE, MOTOR NO. 320420,

Was registered on October 9, 1933, in the State of Minnesota under No. B-473869 to E. V. Davis, Box 52, Lakeville, Minnesota. Prior to this registration, under date of July 31, 1933, the car was registered in the State of Illinois under No. 1-246632 to E. V. Davis, Box 322, Skokie, Illinois. This car is reported as having been seen in the possession of suspects in this case at Reno, Nevada, in September and November, 1933. E. V. Davis has been identified at Lakeville, Minn., as being Tolman Davis.

Car #7: CHEVROLET SEDAN, MOTOR NO. 3554674, SERIAL NO. 1-04225071,

Was registered January 11, 1934, in the State of Minnesota under No. B-45372 to E. V. Davis, Box 254, White Bear Lake, Minnesota. This car was registered for 1933 in the State of Illinois under No. 774267 to E. V. Davis, 2408 Crawford Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Car #8: PLYMOUTH SEDAN, MOTOR NO. 61811, CHANGED TO 61811, SERIAL NO. 175705,

Was registered for 1933 in the State of Nevada by Alvin Karpis, who gave the name of E. L. Barnes, 391 West 7th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota. This is a fictitious address. This car was registered in the State of Minnesota for the year 1932 under No. B-188031 to E. L. Barnes, 391 West 7th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Car #9: FORD V8 DE LUXE COUPE, MOTOR NO. 16-304794,

Was registered in the State of Minnesota for the year 1934 under No. B-78031 to E. L. Murray, Box 845, White Bear, Minnesota. It is believed that E. L. Murray is an alias for Alvin Karpis.

Car #10: GRAHAM-PAIGE SEDAN, MOTOR NO. 1024021, CHASSIS NO. 10181934,

Purchased from the Graham-Paige Agency, San Francisco, by E. L. Barnes, who paid cash and traded in a seven passenger Plymouth Sedan, Motor No. PH-31831, bearing 1933 Nevada license No. 7825. 1933 California license 2-L-8661 was issued for this Graham-Paige Sedan to E. L. Barnes, 3870 California Street, San Francisco, California. An out-of-State permit was obtained on the Plymouth Sedan during February 1933, by E. L. Barnes, who gave as his address Ridgeway Apartments, Reno, Nev.

There is being set forth below the correct names and known aliases of the suspects in this case, who may be in possession of the cars above mentioned or who may attempt to register other cars:

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FRED PARKER, with aliases: J. Barrow, W. G. Gary, Ted Murphy, R. L. Davis, J. L. Blackburn, D. G. Blackburn, and A. S. Hunter.

ARTIE PARKER, with aliases: Doc Parker, Gato Gala, Bob Parker, L. L. Murray, E. J. Harvey, and A. S. Hunter.

ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases: Raymond Bradley, George Bell, Alvin Karpis, George Dunn, R. E. Hamilton, Ray Karpis, J. Carter, E. L. Burns, R. L. Burns, J. J. Burns, William Lehman, William W. Lehman, and Bo L. Burns.

HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases: E. D. Blackburn and George L. Martin.

WOLNEY DAVIS, with aliases: R. L. Davis, J. L. Lockwood, S. L. Lockwood, and S. E. Moore.

Appropriate arrangements are being made with the Motor Vehicle Registration Bureaus at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and Jackson, Mississippi, for a cover on the above described automobiles and subjects.

Each agent should familiarize himself with the information set forth above and be constantly on the alert for information concerning automobiles which might be identical with those described above, or regarding Subjects.

Act

R. Whitley,
Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

March 28, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG.

The report of Special Agent O. G. Hall, dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, February 27, 1934, rendered in the Bremer case, listed a number of long distance telephone calls made from well known underworld characters at St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota. Among these calls were two calls made to Miss Audrey Billings at Emerson 6087, Washington, D. C. One of the calls was made from the Hollyhocks Inn operated by Jack Phiefer at St. Paul, Minnesota, and the other call was made from the telephone listed in the name of Tom Banks, the alleged leader of the underworld in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The first call was made January 4, 1934, and the second call January 19, 1934. In view of the extortion letter in the Ford case, which bore the postmark of Washington, D. C. December 23, 1933, and in view of the distance involved in the above two long distance telephone calls, the Washington Field Office was requested to make a discreet and confidential investigation with a view to ascertaining the identity of Miss Billings and her associates.

Special Agent Burruss, to whom the case is assigned, telephoned me to advise that preliminary investigation discloses that Emerson 6087 is listed in the name of Arthur S. Whitcomb, second leader of the United States Marine Band, who resides at Foxhall Village. A check of the long distance telephone calls made from Emerson 6087 discloses a long distance call to Thomas Lawley at Atlantic City on December 1, 1933, and on December 30, 1933, to the same individual at Pleasantville, New Jersey. These calls are now being checked by the New York office and Philadelphia office. Mr. Burruss stated that he has not yet established the identity of Audrey Billings but believes she is either related to Mr. Whitcomb or is a roomer in his home. Agent Burruss was instructed to complete his investigation and to report the results to the Division at the earliest practicable date.

Respectfully,

R. E. Newby
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

March 21, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

I am forwarding herewith a confidential memorandum, for your information, which forms the basis of the statement that Arthur R. Barker and Alvin Karpis are known to have been participants in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer at St. Paul, Minnesota on January 17, 1934.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover
Director.

Incl. 691380.

Forwarded from your 3/24
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7-24-1934.

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 Mr. Tolson
 Mr. Edwards
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 Unit Four
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 Equipment Section
 Chief Clerk's Office
 Unit Five
 Identification Unit
 Statistical Section
 Technical Laboratory
 Mr. Baughman
 Mr. Cowley
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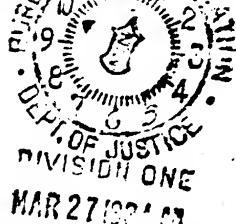
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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

March 21, 1934

M H Purvis
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1900 Bankers Building
Chicago, Illinois



RE BREKID INFORMATION HERE EMANATING FROM PLOWMAN AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY
CHICAGO THAT ED BENTZ POSSIBLE SUSPECT TOGETHER WITH TED BENTZ VIREO BENTZ
CHRISTINA DAWSON LEFT CHICAGO MARCH ELEVENTH IN LINCOLN SEDAN TO VISIT MOTHER
ON COAST WHO IS NOW REPORTED RESIDING ONE TWO ONE BRODERICK STREET SANFRANCISCO
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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice
1900 BANKERS BUILDING
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

March 27, 1934.

Director,
Division of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases
I.O. 1218
ARTHUR R. BARKER with aliases
I.O. 1219, et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim
KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent S. K. McKee of this office dated March 22, 1934, which sets out information which had been furnished to Special Agent in Charge M. H. Purvis, by Michigan State Police Officers, and particular reference is made to page two, paragraph one, wherein it is stated that according to the information obtained by the above officers, one of the present wives or sweethearts of Edward Bentz is one MARIAN FREIDMARK, daughter of an old German woman, who is said to live at 704 Monroe Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

It is desired to correct this statement, by stating that Edward Bentz married VERA FREIMARK, and that her mother, Mrs. Emma Freimark, lives at 704 Monroe Avenue, South Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

A copy of this letter is being furnished to the St. Paul office, in order that this statement may be corrected.

Very truly yours,

Jay C. Newman
JAY C. NEWMAN,

Acting Special Agent in Charge.

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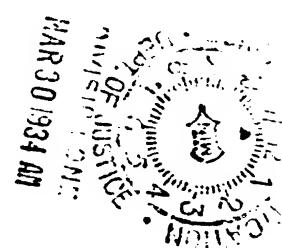
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P. O. Box 1276
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March 27, 1934

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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis, with alias, et al.
Edward G. O'Bremer, Victim;
Kidnapping.

Reference is made to a letter to recent date from the Kansas City Division Office to the Division, in which it was requested that this office obtain from Tulsa, Oklahoma information as to whether Homer Good and Harold Hugh Wright, alias "Fat" Wright, have criminal records, and if so, that such information be obtained as will enable the Division to identify their records in the Identification Unit.

Please be advised that on September 6, 1933, Good, as Homer Good was arrested by the Sheriff's Office, Tulsa, Oklahoma, No. 10858, for violation of the National Prohibition Act. His description is given as age 40; height five feet, six inches; weight, 168 pounds; build, stocky; eyes, grey; hair, dark; complexion, ruddy; teeth, good.

Wright, under the name of Harold Hugh Wright, with alias of "Fat" Wright, on September 16, 1930 was arrested by the Sheriff's Office at Tulsa, Oklahoma, No. 6168; charge, Harrison Narcotic Act. He was described at that time as age 23; height, five feet, five inches; weight 149 pounds; build, medium; eyes, brown; hair, dark brown; complexion, dark; teeth, good.

Very truly yours, 7-576-1486

Dwight Brantley, 30 Mar 1934 A.
Division of Investigation
DWIGHT BRANTLEY
Special Agent in Charge
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From: UNIT #1 Room 420

Mr. Tolson 1934.

To: Director Mr. TOLSON.
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 Mr. Edwards Mr. EDWARDS
 Unit Two Mr. Egan
 Unit Four Mr. QUINN
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H. A. CLEGG

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511 Hurley-Wright Building
Washington, D. C.

March 28, 1934 Re: ALVIN KARPIS, et al
EDWARD GEORGE BREWER, Victim
KIDNAPING.

Copy of this letter sent to:

Mr. L. A. Baughman, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles,
Guilford Avenue and First Street, Baltimore, Maryland.

Mr. T. McCall Frazier, Director, Division of Motor Vehicles,
Richmond, Virginia.

Mr. W. A. Van Duzer, Director of Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Wash., D. C.

Dear Sir:

In connection with an official investigation, this office requests your close cooperation with the view of locating persons who have in their possession the following described automobiles. With respect to each car, there are indicated the names of the persons and other data previously used in the registration of these cars in the several states mentioned, and it is reasonable to assume that the cars may still be in the possession of the persons so listed:

AUBURN SEDAN, MOTOR NO. BB-1527. This car is a 1933 12-cylinder Auburn Sedan, blue body with gray hood and canvas top, six wire wheels, was purchased at San Francisco, California, October 9, 1933, by one William B. Lohman. The car was registered for 1933 in California under No. 7-B-5762 in the name of William B. Lohman, William Taylor Hotel, San Francisco, California. Volney Davis has been positively identified as one of the purchasers of this car and Arthur Barker is believed to be another purchaser. This car is reported as having been seen in the possession of Alvin Karpis at Reno, Nevada, about three weeks ago.

BUICK SEDAN, MOTOR NO. 2,707,868. This car was purchased at Reno, Nevada, on January 11, 1933, by R. E. Davis, who has been identified as Fred Barker with aliases of J. C. Blackburn, J. E. Blackburn, and T. C. Blackburn. This car was paid for with new \$500 bills and was licensed in Nevada for 1933 under number 1488.

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BUICK SEDAN, MOTOR NO. 2,558,090, bearing Ohio license 25782, was taken into California, November 17, 1933, from Reno, Nevada, by Fred Barker who was then using the alias of T. C. Blackburn and gave as his address General Delivery, Los Angeles, California. The car returned to Reno, Nevada, November 27, 1933.

FORD VS, MOTOR NO. 18-493,080, bearing Ohio 1933 license No. C-25771, entered California on October 25, 1933, from Reno, Nevada, and the car was registered under the name of T. C. Blackburn, 4214 North Lockwood Avenue, Toledo, Ohio. California permit No. 124983 was obtained at this time. George L. Martin, who has been partially identified as being Harry Campbell, was residing in Reno, Nevada, from October 6 to December 20, 1933, and was seen driving this particular car.

PONTIAC SEDAN, MOTOR NO. 285160, was purchased at Reno, Nevada, with new \$300 bills by one H. J. Harvey who has been partially identified as Arthur Barker. Nevada license number 1283 was issued covering this car on January 9, 1933.

FORD VS DELUXE COUPE, MOTOR NO. 329420, was registered on October 9, 1933, in the State of Minnesota under No. B-473880 to E. V. Davis, Box 52, Lakeville, Minnesota. Prior to this registration, under date of July 31, 1933, the car was registered in the State of Illinois under No. 1-246602 to E. V. Davis, Box 322, Grayslake, Illinois. This car is reported as having been seen in the possession of suspects in this case at Reno, Nevada, in September and November, 1933. E. V. Davis has been identified at Lakeville, Minnesota, as being Volney Davis.

CHEVROLET SEDAN, MOTOR NO. 3854674, serial No. 1-CA023077, was registered January 11, 1934, in the State of Minnesota under No. B-45372 to E. V. Davis, Box 254, White Bear Lake, Minnesota. This car was registered for 1933 in the State of Illinois under No. 794267 to E. V. Davis, 2408 Crawford Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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PLYMOUTH SEDAN, MOTOR NO. 81821, changed to 8181, serial No. 175709, was registered for 1933 in the State of Nevada by Alvin Karpis who gave the name of E. L. Barnes, 591 West 7th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota. This is a fictitious address. This car was registered in the State of Minnesota for the year 1933 under No. B-158081 to E. L. Burns, 591 West 7th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

FORD V8, DELUXE COUPE, MOTOR NO. 18-304794, was registered in the State of Minnesota for the year 1934 under No. B-75088 to E. L. Murray, Box 345, White Bear, Minnesota. It is believed that E. L. Murray is an alias for Alvin Karpis.

GRAHAM-PAIGE SEDAN, MOTOR NO. 1024021, chassis No. 10181956, purchased from the Graham-Paige Agency, San Francisco, by E. L. Barnes, who paid cash and traded in seven-passenger Plymouth Sedan, motor No. PB-81821, bearing 1933 Nevada license No. 7985. 1933 California license 2-N-8661, was issued for this Graham-Paige Sedan to E. L. Barnes, 3870 California Street, San Francisco, California. An out-of-state permit was obtained on the Plymouth Sedan during February, 1933, by E. L. Barnes, who gave as his address Ridgeway Apartments, Reno, Nevada.

There are set forth below the correct names and known aliases of the suspects who may be in possession of the above listed cars or who may attempt to register other cars:

FRED BARKER with aliases: J. Darrows, V. G. Ward, Ted Murphy, R. E. Davis, J. E. Blackburn, T. C. Blackburn, and A. S. Hunter.

ARTHUR BARKER with aliases: "Doe" Barker, Claude Dale, Bob Barker, E. L. Murray, E. J. Harvey, and A. S. Hunter.

ALVIN KARPIS with aliases: Raymond Hadley, George Miller, Alvin Karpis, George Dunn, R. E. Hamilton, Ray Karpis, A. Carter, E. L. Burns, R. L. Burns, J. J. Burns, William Lohman, William B. Lohman, and E. L. Barnes.

HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases: T. C. Blackburn and
George L. Martin.

VOLNEY DAVIS with aliases: E. E. Davis, J. E. Lockwood,
S. E. Lockwood, and G. E. Moore.

It is requested that a complete check be made at the earliest possible moment to ascertain whether any of the automobiles above listed are presently registered. In conducting this examination of registrations, it is desired that you use the motor numbers and the correct names and aliases, as indicated above, as there exists the possibility that other cars may be registered in your district under some of the names above referred to.

It is respectfully suggested that you arrange to have a "Wash" card prepared for each automobile and each suspect, with aliases, with the notation thereon that this office be immediately advised should any attempt be made to register any of the automobiles above listed, or should any of the persons above referred to try to register any other cars.

This office may be reached during the day by telephone NATIONAL 0185, EXTENSION 257 or 251, and by telephone NATIONAL 4238, and after midnight by telephone NATIONAL 7119.

Very truly yours,

L. E. PENNINGTON, Assistant
Special Agent in Charge

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] advised strongly against interviewing [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] would not furnish any information. [REDACTED] expressed the opinion that Fred Barker frequently visits the farm of [REDACTED]. She is not sure, but she believed this farm is on Rural Route 2, Erie, Kansas. Agent Hallie has arranged with [REDACTED] to have her furnish any additional information received by [REDACTED].

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Paul
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March 26, 1934.

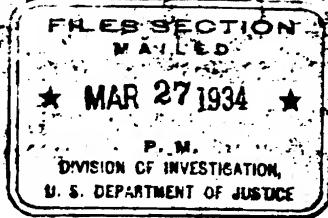
MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLINE

During telephonic conversation today Mr. Nathan at St. Paul made the suggestion, to which I agreed, that he leave St. Paul some time Thursday afternoon, proceeding to Tulsa, Oklahoma, in regard to the recent publicity situation in that vicinity. He asked what I thought of his suggesting to the A. P. man in Tulsa that if he would give him, Mr. Nathan, the facts in the matter, it would be kept confidential between Mr. Nathan and me. I agreed with this suggestion.

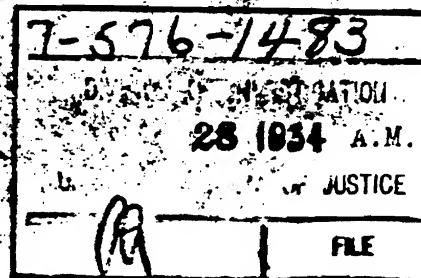
Mr. Nathan stated that the grand jury is in technical session now, and will continue so for about a month and a half; that they meet for about two hours, two days a week, and there seemed to be no reason for his remaining in St. Paul.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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Suite L, Federal Building
Kansas City, Missouri
March 28, 1934



Special Agent in Charge
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
P. O. Box 515
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218
VIRGIL BARKER with aliases, I.O. 1219.
Edward George Bremer - Victim
KIDNAPING

There is being transmitted herewith a clipping from the "Wichita Democrat" a newspaper of Wichita, Kansas, relative to the above captioned case, which clipping is self-explanatory. This clipping was handed to Special Agent R. C. Suran by Deputy United States Marshal Daniel Boone, Wichita, Kansas. Mr. Boone advised he was unable to state the date the clipping had appeared in the above named newspaper. He stated, however, that he had learned that the name of the man referred to in the clipping was Herman Johnson of Brookings, South Dakota.

Mr. Boone stated that in the event it became necessary to the investigation he would then reveal the name of his informant, but he desired that if Johnson should be interviewed, the source of the information be not revealed to Johnson.

A typewritten copy of the newspaper clipping is being attached to each copy of this letter and the same is being transmitted to your office believing that you will desire to have Johnson interviewed at Brookings, South Dakota.

Very truly yours,

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OF BREMER KIDNAPERS

Seldom does a national event of interest occur without repercussion in Wichita. Signs of relief arose when the announcement was made of the release of Edward Bremer of Minneapolis upon payment of a ransom of two hundred thousand dollars.

Evidently his kidnapers were not the type of killers, else there would be grief today in a certain Wichita home. A prominent young business woman told us of a letter just received from Iowa, which told the story of the adventure of a man relative with the Bremer kidnapers.

The man in question had gone to Minneapolis and was eating breakfast in a restaurant. Near him sat two men, whom he overheard discussing details of the Bremer affair. Evidently, too late they discovered that their conversation had been overheard. Shortly after the man left the restaurant he was seized and dragged into a waiting automobile. He had been shadowed in the meantime. He woke up dazed from the effect of a drug and found himself in Iowa City, robbed and with every mark of identification removed. Shortly after, Bremer was released. It was fortunate for the man in question that he was merely "taken for a ride" and not killed. (Wichita Democrat)

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